



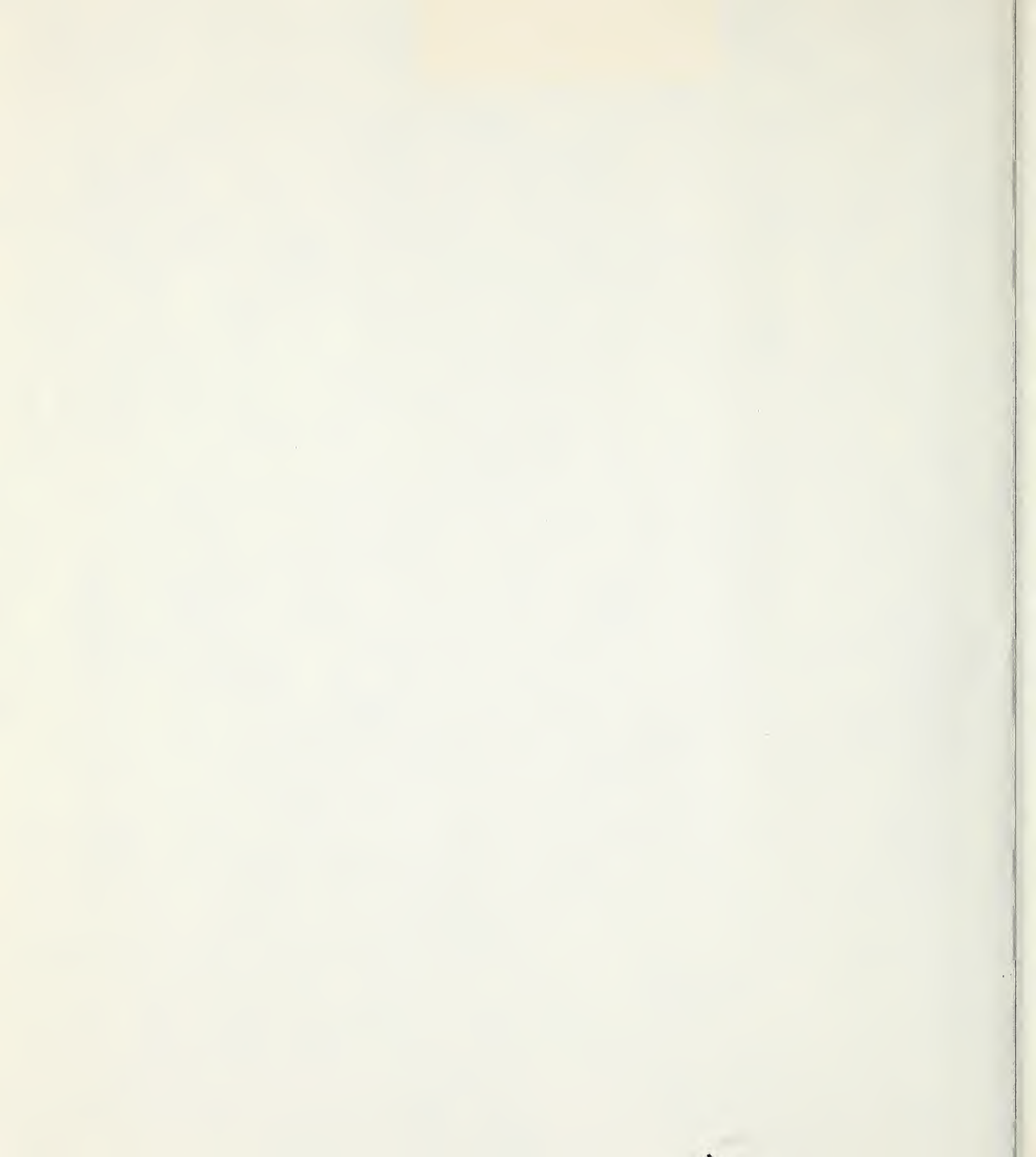
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VIEW OF OXFORD CENTER.

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OXFORD CENTER.

The Center, as shown in the view, with the Congregational Church at the head of the upper green, and the church of St. Peter at the south of the lower green, and the lines of handsome residences on either side, is one of the prettiest villages in the state. At the right of the upper green is the Congregational parsonage, next to that is the Episcopal rectory, and a little further to the right long stood the village schoolhouse. On the right also, at the southerly angle of the road turning to the east was for many years the home of the village physician.

At the left of the Congregational church is the fine old colonial residence of the late S. P. Sanford. On the west side of the street was for a century the village inn, the place of rest and refreshment for man and beast on the main road from the ports of New Haven and Derby to the towns far to the northwest. On the west side of the green also were the houses of the village postmaster and the Judge of Probate, while a little to the rear flowed quietly along a clear stream which at times fills its banks with a swollen and more turbulent current which then merits its name of Little River.

All around the green from time to time as the years have passed have been the homes of some of the well-to-do and leading members of the community, shaded by the grand old elms and maples, the growth of a century, while the store and blacksmith shop and other industries were clustered near. The lower green, being level, was more especially the place for the annual assembly of the military company which was an established institution of the principal Connecticut towns in the olden time.

THE EARLY SETTLEMENT.

The land included in the bounds of the town of Oxford was purchased from the Indians at various times from 1678 to 1710, the principal deeds having been those of Wesquantuck (now shortened to Squantuck), Rockhouse Hill, Camp's Mortgage, the Quaker Farms Purchase, and the North Purchase. The date of the first settlement within the limits of the town has not been established.

but as a tract of land in the westerly part of the town was designated as the Quaker's Farm in 1683 it is evident that at least one white man had settled there before that date, and it is probable that other settlers had already made their homes in the verdant and fertile valleys.

A well preserved document found at Quaker Farms some years ago gave a description of a layout of 170 acres "at Quaker's Farm" for Lieut. Johnson, made March 27, 1688, and refers to "the common road" through "the place commonly called the Quaker's Farm." It is probable that there was a considerable number of settlers here before 1680, as it is recorded that in that year it had become necessary to establish the town bounds between Derby and Waterbury and on May 18th of that year the Plantations of Derby and Mattatuck appointed a committee to set the bounds. The latter appointed Wm. Judd, Thomas Judd and John Stanley, Jr., and Derby appointed Joseph Hawkins and Abel Gunn. They began at a stack twelve miles north of Derby and went westerly "to a stone marked with m on ye north side and d on ye south side, lying on ye west sd nagatock (Naugatuck) or mattatock river," etc. If this was all a wilderness why the need of setting the boundaries at so early a date? On the other hand it is evident that the twenty miles between Derby and Mattatuck, which includes Oxford, was considerably taken up by settlers and that this gave occasion for the call for a settlement of the bounds.

In 1683 Joseph Hawley of Stratford proposed to have his grant in Derby, then agreed upon, laid at Quaker's Farm, and in 1705, he exchanged land at Quaker Farms with Thomas Sharpe for land owned by the latter in Stratford. In 1699, (April 24th) Samuel Riggs' land was laid out by Samuel Riggs and John Tibbols on Five Mile Hill, six score rods on each side except the north, where it measured six score and fifteen rods; bounded southerly on land of John Hulls and John Tibballs, "westward with bous brooke so called, and northward with Wedow Denman & towns land, and estard with a Little Brooke that runeth into the Little River." At the same date is described "Widdow Denmans division of land and swamp in the great neck * * * southward on Samuel Riggs his land," etc. There is therefore abundant evidence that the History of Derby, page 229, is in error in saying that "The first permanent settler at Quaker's Farm was some time after 1707."



The records show that by January, 1710-11, a sufficient time had already elapsed from the first settlement at Quaker Farms for there to be confusion over the allotments of land to different proprietors to such an extent that action regarding it was taken in the Derby town meeting, and the records of the holdings which were made soon after indicate that there was then quite a prosperous settlement within the limits of this purchase. A few of them were as follows :

John Chatfield, in 1711, had his division "in the swamp upon the Five Mile Brook and the land adjacent, on the northward side of the path that goeth to Woodbury."

John Tibbals, in 1711, had land "upon the great neck, on the east and westward side of the westward branch of the Five Mile Brook, bounded northward with Samuel Riggs and John Hull's their Lands * * * and westward with Woodbury Road and common land."

John Hull's land was described May 14, 1711, as "in Quaker's Farm Purchase on the east side of the country road not far from Quakers Farm, is bounded * * * westward by Woodbury road, north by land of Samuel Riggs," etc.

John Pringle's land at Good Hill, over the Eight Mile Brook, was bounded west on Samuel Nichols' land, otherwise on undivided land, in 1711.

Samuel Riggs is recorded as having his land Dec. 10, 1711, on Five Mile Hill, bounded "southward with land of John Tibbals."

The Quaker Farms Purchase extended easterly to the Naugatuck river, and beyond, and therefore included not only a large proportion of the southern part of Oxford, but a considerable part also of what is now Seymour, the Indian deeds overlapping one another. The list of names of proprietors in March, 1725, is here given as the best available record of the heads of families here at that time.

"Here followeth a list of names				John Munson.....	18	0	0
which is ye augmented List which is the				En ^s Nikols	90	0	0
Rule for Deviding the Lands in Quakers				Joseph Nikols	32	0	0
Farm Purchase that are yet undevide				Abraham Person	72	7	-
which is as followeth:				Steaphen Peirson Jun ^r	76	10	0
				Steaphen Peirson Sn ^r	78	0	-
				Mr Pinte	29	0	-
Ru ^s Sam ^l Bassit.....		28	-	John Pringle.....	32	-	-
George Black.....		21	0	John Pringle.....	85	10	0
Sam ^l Bowers.....		76	12				

Sam ^l Brimsmaid	22	10	0	Ebin. Riggs	102	-	-
Abiram Canfield	23	0	-	Edward Riggs	69	-	-
John Chatfield	113	-	-	Lt John Riggs	240	18	0
John Davis	70	4	0	En ^s Sam ^l Riggs	88	10	0
Micah Denman	74	0	-	Andrew Smith	132	6	0
Mr John Durand	87	12	0	Ephraim Smith	36	0	0
Francis French	135	0	0	John Smith Jun ^r	20	0	0
Abel Gunn	157	17	6	John Smith Ser ^t	98	10	0
Cap ^t Sam ^l Gunn	-	-	-	Joseph Smith	46	10	0
Ebin: Harger	185	10	0	Benj: Stiles	26	5	-
Jabiz Harger	23	0	0	John Tibbals	123	2	6
Joseph Hawkins	201	15	0	Abraham Tomlinson	-	-	-
Jonathan Hill	21	0	0	Isaac Tomlinson	192	0	0
Deacon Abel Holbrook	129	7	6	John Tomlinson	76	10	0
John Hull	103	2	0	Sam ^l Tomlinson	49	5	6
Cap ^t Joseph Hull Jun ^r	366	5	0	W ^m Tomlinson	53	10	0
James Humphres	25	-	-	John Towner	48	0	-
Coll: Ebenezer Johnson	219	1	9	John Twitchel	78	0	0
Ebenezer Johnson	72	16	-	Sam ^l Washbon	74	2	0
Jeremiah Johnson	159	0	0	W ^m Washbon	117	0	0
John Johnson	49	10	0	John Weede	82	2	0
Joseph Johnson	42	0	-	Selvester Wooster	39	-	-
Peter Johnson	123	0	-	Tho ^s Wooster	175	10	0
Jonathan Lumm	70	4	0	Timothy Wooster	117	0	0
Sam ^l Moss	43	0	0				
W ^m Moss	147	15	0		5285	7	9

The deed of the Wesquantuck and Rock House Hill purchase is here given as of interest as showing what Indians until then were considered the owners of the land, the spelling being that of the original record and without punctuation other than the very few marks there found. Weescantook and Weesquantook, later Wesquantuck, will be recognized as the original of the present name. Squantuck, where the "Great River" flows about forty feet above the sea level, from whence in a distance of only a mile in a direct line there is a rise of 550 feet to the top of Rock House Hill.

To all to whom these presents shall come Know y^e that wee Neighbour Rutt Cockapaton Sachom Nonnawauk Gyousoon Kenxon Karetoon Tazchun Corroon Rashkaunnoot proprietors of Weescantook with y^e consent off our Saggamore for twenty pounds in hand rec'd & divers other & good consideration us thereunto moving have sold & do by these pres^{ts} fully and absolutely sell alienat & assigne set over give grant & confirme unto Wm Tomlinson senior & Junior and y^e Widdow Hannah Tomlinson James Hard, Jonathan Lume Timothy Worster off Derby in his Majesties Col-



ony off Connecticott & y^e County of New Haven & their heirs
 executors administraters & assignes a certaine tract off land call'd
 and known by y^e name off Weesquantook & Rochoushill bounded
 South with y^e four mile brook North with y^e 5 mile brook East
 with Woodbury road y^t now is & West with the Great River for
 them y^e aforesaid Purchasers their heirs and assignes to have hold
 use occupy possess & enjoy as their own proper estate & Inher-
 itance from y^e date of these pres^t for ever without any manner off
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 above said Indians or heirs executors or administrators or from or
 by any other person or persons for from by or under us affirming
 our selves to be ye true Propriaters off ye above sd tract of land &
 y^t we have in our selves good right & full power to sell ye same &
 do free & clear & freely & clearly acquitt exonerate & discharge y^e
 above sd tract off land from all other & former gifts grants bar-
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 & incumbrances whatsoever And we do further engage & covenant
 firmly by these pres^{ts} for or selves our Heires executors & admin-
 istrators to & with y^e afor sd purchas their Heires & assignes to
 signe seal & deliver any other & former deed & conveyance off y^e
 afore s^d Tract off land as y^e sd Purchas their heires & assignes
 shall be advised by their Council learned in y^e law In witness
 wroff & for confirmation off all w^{ch} wee have to these pres^{ts} put
 to our hands & seales in Derby this fifthteenth off August 1698

Signed sealed & delivered in

y^e presence off us

Jno James

Eleazer Browne

Mawquash x his mark

Cheshconeeg x his mark

Neighbor Rutt x his mark

Cockapatouch x his mark

Nonnawauk x his mark

Gyouson x his mark

Keuxon x his mark

Raretoun x his mark

Tazchun x his mark

Rash koinoot x his mark

Thomas seet x his mark

The above nam'd Proprietors appeard before me & ac-
 knowledged y^e above written Instrument to be their act & Deed
 y^e date above

Ebenezer Johnson Justice

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THE "CAMP'S MORTGAGE" PURCHASE.

Dec. 23, 1700, Ebenezer Johnson, Wm. Tomlinson and Samuel Riggs were appointed a committee to buy the mortgage of Nicholas Camp. On Jan. 13, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ it was voted "that y^e Indian mortgage bought off M^r Nicholas Camp off Milford shall be paid for by y^e Town of Derby, four pounds to be p^d." On Jan. 15, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$ it was voted "That Capt. Ebenezer Johnson Ensigne Sam^l Riggs Serjeant Brinsmead Jnⁿ Bow^{rs} Timothy Worster & Jnⁿ Riggs survey & measure y^e tract off y^e Indian Purchase bought off M^r Nicholas Camp off Milford."

This purchase was confirmed by the Indians Mar. 5, 170 $\frac{1}{2}$, as follows, omitting the legal verbiage.

"In confirmation of a mortgage made to M^r Nicholas Camp off Milford containing a certain tract off land lying and scituate within y^e bonds of Derby bounded as speci^fd in that mortgage viz Southward with Derby Purchase Westward wth a range of swamps near on to Moose hill Northward with a little River known and commonly cal'd by y^e name of little River eastward with Naucatuck River w^{ch} is a parcel off land ab^t three mile square, be it more or less * * * give grant and confirme unto y^e town of Derby y^e afore s^d Tract of land 5th of March 170 $\frac{1}{2}$."

This deed was signed by Cockapatani, sagamore; Ahuntaway, sachem; Will Dr, Rowangusook, Tijachome, Will Toto, Jnⁿ Toto. The witnesses were Arkumi, Artownhood, Jnⁿ James, Mary James.

In 170 2-3 it was divided up among the proprietors, and highways four rods wide were laid out through it.

AN EARLIER DEED OF THE SOUTHWEST PART OF OXFORD.

This Indentar made this sixt day of Agust in y^e year of our lord christ one thousand Six hundred eighty & Seaven and in the third year of the Reign of our Sovereign Jaems the Second of england Scotland france & Ireland King defender of the faith &c: Between cockapatouce: John banks: Jack chebrook: stastecksam: & Sunka-qene: meshilling: tackamore: pussekkes: & mamosen: cockapotane. wamunka: wecalope: indians proprietars of wesquantack & puttatuck & of the Land in the great Neck at Derby in the county of New Haven & Collony of Conecticut in New england one the one parties: & linete: Ebenezer johnson edward woster & Abell Gunn agents for the town of derby in the county & collony afore s^d in Newengland wittneseth that we cockapotouce John banks: &c: the indians above s^d: for & In consideration of twenty one pound in



good indian pay to be paid att Mr. Nicoles Campes att Milford within six months from this date where with we doe confess ourselves fully sattesfied contented & paid; have sold & by these presents have freely clearly & absolutely Bargained & sold to the sd lieut eb: Johnson, ed: Woster & Abell gunn together with the inhabetants of Derby proprietors with them: one percell of land being & liing in the great Neck: at Derby: Bounded on the South east with the four mile Brook & another littel Brook y^t falls into the littel River & Bounded North & North east with the little river that Runs into nagatuck River: & Bounded north west & west with the eight mile Brook: & Bounded west & South west with the west chanill of puttatack River, & woodbury path from the six mile Brook to the four mile Brook: All this above mentioned land the above Said cockapatouce John Bankes: &c indians and proprietares of the sd land doe fully freely Absolutely & clearly sell & alienate to the sd inhabitants of Derby," &c.

Signed by Cockapatouce, John Banks, Joshua Lee, John Sristen, Jack, Cockapotany, Tackamore, Meshiling, Chebrook, Nanoques, Stastockam, Wanxacun, Sunkaquene, Wetupaco, Pusseckes, Nanawag.

The other "little brook y^t falls into the little river" is evidently the brook that flows along the south side of Moose Hill.

The following deed, given Jan 31, 1710, appears to include the eastern part of the present town of Oxford.

"In consideration of six pounds current silver money by Ens. Samuel and Lieut. Joseph Hull of Derby, agents *** have sold *** a certain tract of land bounded as follows, south by the Little river so called, westward by Woodbury bounded up to two chestnut trees marked, which are the bounds between Waterbury, Woodbury and Derby, and then the line runs in the line dividing the township of Derby and Waterbury until it comes to the middle of Towantick pond, which is the northerly bounds of the land, thence Southwardly by marked trees until it comes to the brook that runs down the west side of Towantick hill unto the Little river. This deed was signed by Nanawaug, Jack, Charles, Tackamore, Mes-killing, Mackwash, Durgen, Ackcutrout. The Indian witnesses were Curens and Wattakis.

The Rock House Hill and Five Mile Hill road appears to have been laid out before 1676, as on Feb. 28 of that year it is recorded that "At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the General



court May 13, 1675, to state a place for a ferry (at Derby) and a highway from it to Woodbury, after deciding about the ferry," also "They do apoynt a highway of foure rods wide from the said fery by the Rivar Side upwards to wards Wodbery, unto the upper eand of the above said old feld and then up to the hollow at the upper eand of the said old feld unto the high way that is now used to wards wodbery," other records indicating that the highway referred to was over Great Hill, Rockhouse Hill and Five Mile Hill, and through Quaker Farms.

The variations in the spellings of the Indian names was probably due to the fact that in all cases they were written by white men, the Indians only making their mark, and were doubtless written as they seemed to be pronounced, and varied by each who had occasion to write them, including the town clerks who copied the deeds upon the records. For instance the name of the Sachem Nonnawauk is also spelled Nonnawaug, Nannawaug, Nonawaux and Wonawak. Mauquash, the last sachem of the Pootatucks, is also written Mawquash, Mackwash and Mockwash.

That some of the land in the Quaker Farms purchase was allotted to settlers as early as 1689 is evident from a record in 1703 of a vote that Capt. Ebenezer Johnson have liberty to take up land in Quakers Farm Purchase, land not previously laid out, he to take up said land "according to his list that was when y^e land was pitched upon, viz: 1689, & upon y^e foregoing termes have y^e like priviledge with his neighbors there."

The prices of produce to be received in payment of the tax of one penny on the pound in 1703 were—wheat 6d. per bushel, rye 4d, Indian (corn) 3d, oats 2d, flax 9d per pound.



Punkups, Pleasant Vale, Riverside and Zoar Bridge.

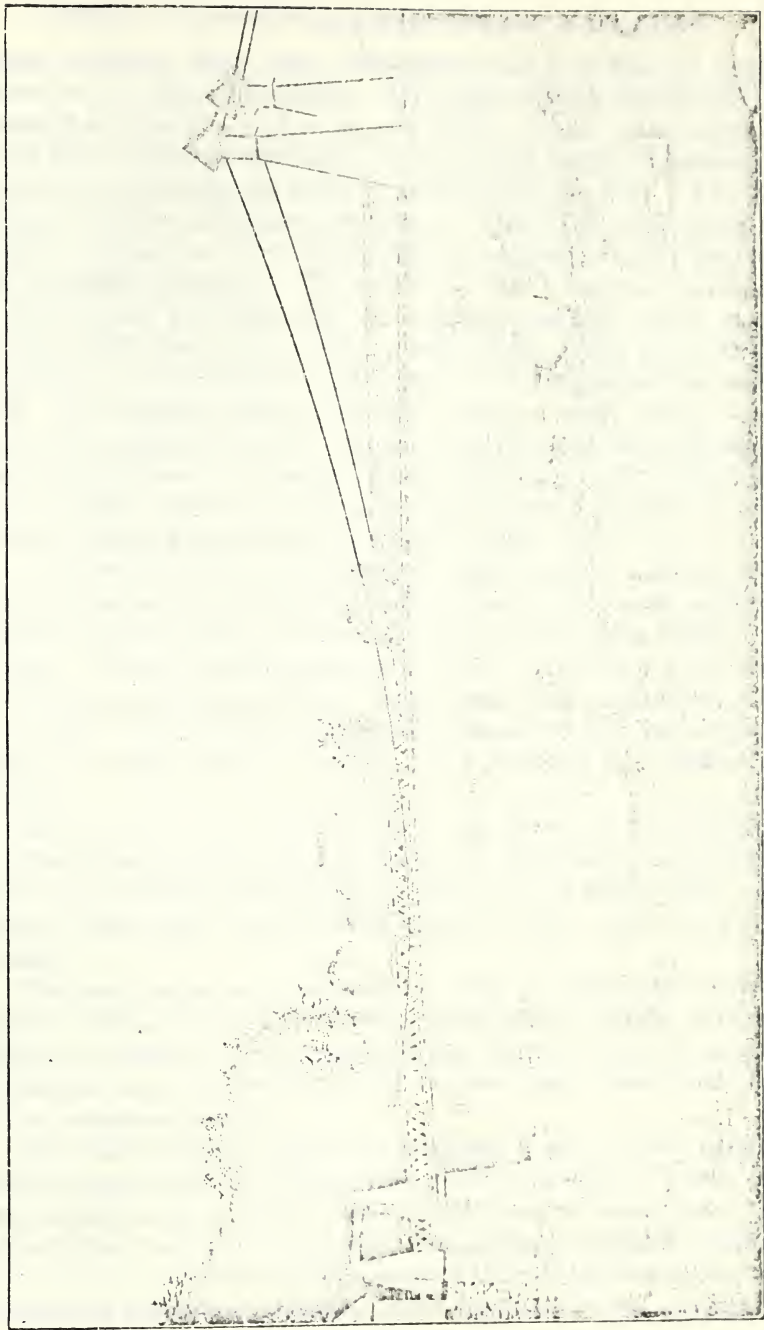
The valley on the easterly side of the Housatonic river, from the Five Mile Brook to and for some distance above Zoar Bridge, was known for more than half a century as Punkups, as it still is by some of the older people of the surrounding territory. Eight Mile Brook was the dividing line between the towns of Oxford and Derby, and in consequence the people south of the line went to Derby to vote, while those north of the line voted in Oxford, and as in the earlier times the lines of demarcation was not always closely observed, some took their choice of a voting place and went to the nearest.

Derby was a Whig town, while Oxford was Democratic, and this with other reasons was incentive enough to incite a sterling old Democrat named Lum, familiarly known as "Uncle Harry," to engineer a set off that should put all of Punkups and part of Squantuck into the town of Oxford.

Punkups at that time was a flourishing neighborhood. There was a woolen mill, a foundry, an axe factory, an auger factory, a bellows factory, a cotton mill, a sawmill and a tannery. The tannery had its own primitive arrangement for grinding bark. A huge circular block of granite was leveled on the surface and over the bark, laid on this, a granite wheel about a foot thick and five feet in diameter was rolled to crush the bark, just as apples were crushed in the ring mill of that day. A ring mill was a circular trough into which the apples were put and a circular disk made of wood, weighing some hundred pounds, propelled by a horse hitched to the end of a pole that went through the center of the wheel, as a shaft, crushed the apples. As the season for making cider was a short one the ring mill in this case was available the larger part of the year for crushing bark for the tannery.

But the progress of events changed Punkups. The old industries mostly languished and died out.

About 1840 two brothers, Webb and Beach Downs, from Monroe, entered on the scene. They had built by contract a break-



ZOAR BRIDGE.



water at Black Rock, near Bridgeport, and had thereby cleared three or four thousand dollars. With this capital Beach took the sawmill at Punkups, and as he and Webb owned land across the river they conceived the idea of moving Zoar bridge down where it would be convenient for them to bring their logs over. The Zoar bridge was then a big covered bridge. This they took down and moved it down, but without thinking it necessary to buy the stock of the bridge company. The result was that when they applied for a charter and toll rates the old company opposed them on the ground that they were within a mile of the place where the old company was exclusively authorized by the legislature to collect toll. The Downs bridge was then nearly a mile and an eighth from the original location, but the charter of the old company did not restrict them to the exact location and they could if they chose build further south and this would preclude the proprietors of the Downs bridge from getting a permit to collect toll.

A charter for the Downs bridge was therefore refused, and as the old company immediately built a new bridge for the accommodation of Zoar people, the Downs bridge was thrown open to the public. It was a losing game and the Downs brothers never recovered from the financial loss. The bridge was carried away by a flood Nov. 13, 1853, and only small remains of the old abutments mark the place where it stood, a few hundred feet above Otter Rock.

Early in the nineteenth century it occurred to the inhabitants of Punkups that some kind of a place of rendezvous was desirable, and, as a church was the proper thing, one was built on the "bee" plan. Some gave land, others timber, others labor, and a few money.

The only stated services for years were by Methodist ministers, who, "riding the circuit," came around once a month or oftener. Between times anybody occupied the church, Mormon apostles, Quakers, Second Adventists, and, in one case, a man who talked in an unknown tongue.

The only regularly organized religious society in the neighborhood came to be the Pleasant Vale M. E. Society. There being no objections, in process of time as services increased monthly to fortnightly, and later to weekly, the society practically occupied the church. A vote was taken to turn the old building over to the Methodist Episcopal presiding elder for the district, but the vote



was said to be invalid, and the record of the vote being afterward burned. the building was still a neighborhood affair.

When a company was chartered to build a dam in the Housatonic below the church the question of legal ownership of the church became a practical one, and in the dilemma the general assembly chartered The Stevenson Union Church Association, giving the building to the corporation, in trust, for the benefit of the people in the neighborhood.

While Punkups was the name of the locality, the first postoffice was located in a little store at the east end of Zoar bridge and the postoffice was named Zoar Bridge.

Years later the Postoffice Department issued an order forbidding the keeping of mail in a room where intoxicating liquors were sold. As the Zoar Bridge postoffice was in a store in which liquors were sold, as well as groceries, the postoffice could no longer be kept there and in order not to lose the postoffice, R. S. Hinman, the proprietor of the "Pleasant Vale Boarding School for Boys," about a mile south of the bridge, took the office, and in doing so, changed the name to Pleasant Vale.

A few years later the boarding school was sold, and, as the proprietor was about to resign his office of postmaster, he received notice from the postoffice department that Pleasant Vale was so nearly like Pleasant Valley, a postoffice in Litchfield county, that it was necessary to change the name. The new postmaster chose the name of Riverside. Ten years later he resigned, and, as there were some who preferred the old name—Zoar Bridge, that was again made the name of the postoffice.

A few years later the building of a railroad up the west side of the Housatonic and the establishment of a postoffice at the station, Stevenson, did away with the postoffice at the end of Zoar bridge. Until this time the mail had been brought from Derby by market wagon, sometimes once a week, and again twice a week, Tuesday and Friday.

As the hour of its arrival was uncertain there was a world of comfort taken sitting in the dingy old store and discussing current events, both neighborhood and national, while waiting for the mail, but this excuse was now lost, and the store lost its popularity and was discontinued. The Riverside school district is still known by that name in Oxford.



Zoar bridge still exists as shown herewith. The first bridge here is said to have been built before 1800, and the bridge company incorporated and rates of toll established. The bridge was known as the Ezekiel Curtiss bridge about as much as Zoar bridge. It was built with logs bolted together for the sides, and was carried away by an ice freshet in 1835. In 1837 Elisha Hubbell built another bridge and kept the store at the east end, beside collecting the toll at the bridge. In 1840, at the time of the removal of the bridge by the Downs brothers, the following notice appeared in the New Haven Palladium of Jan. 9th:

ZOAR BRIDGE.—Notice is hereby given, that a petition has been brought to the General Assembly to be holden at New Haven in May next, (1840), for an act of incorporation authorizing the Petitioners, or such others as may be willing to associate, to build a bridge over the Ousatonic River, at or near the former site of Zoar Bridge, lately taken down; with liberty to take such reasonable toll as may be established by the General Assembly. Dated at Monroe, the 25th day of February, 1840.

About 1842 Mr. Hubbell took Edwin Wooster in company with him. This Wooster was the man who went over the Derby dam in a scow and lost his life. In 1845 William A. Bradley took the store and collected the toll, until April 1 1848, when George Sharpe took the place and remained there six years. The store was on the north side at the end of the bridge, and on the south side was a house which was occupied by the bridge tender and his family. The bridge tender hired the bridge by the year, and collected the toll, his profit being in what he collected over and above the yearly rental.

On November 13, 1853, there was a great freshet which washed down the west end abutment and one third of the bridge went off, but it was immediately rebuilt, Philo Smith being the boss builder.

April 30, 1854, there was a freshet about two inches higher than the one in the preceding November, partially undermining the west pier so that it settled down eighteen inches. These were the two highest freshets ever known, said old folks who were eighty years old at that time. Walter Bradley, now living at Stevenson, was there and crossed the bridge when the water was at the highest mark, leading his horse across, and the water was running in the road between the barn and the east end of the bridge.

Wm. A. Bradley rented it again for three years, from April 1, 1854, to April 1, 1857. In February, 1857, an ice freshet carried off one pier and two thirds of the bridge, but it was rebuilt the same year, and in the spring of 1858 George Sharp hired it again



for three years. Charles Smith tolloved for a term, and others, until 1875, when it was carried off again, and then the stock company decided not to rebuild it. Wm. A. Clark of Monroe owned the majority of the stock, and the vote went as he said. Wm. A. Bradley bought Clark out and he set out to have the towns of Oxford and Monroe rebuild, and there was some controversy over it. Bradley employed Judge Munson of Seymour, and the two towns decided to rebuild rather than stand a lawsuit over it, and a suspension bridge was decided on as less likely to be carried away by a freshet. It was built in 1876, at a cost of \$13,225.78, the towns of Oxford and Monroe each paying one half of the expense. After it was built by the towns Charles Gilbert rented it (as the highest bidder) for three years or until it was transferred from the towns to the counties. The towns were authorized to take tolls until it passed over to the counties, when the charter was annulled by the Legislature, and the tolls were abolished, the bridge being kept in repair by the two adjacent counties.



OXFORD PEOPLE IN 1792.

The following is a copy of the tax list of the town of Oxford on the list of 1792, and is of interest as showing who were the landed proprietors and heads of families at that date. The warrant was directed to Josiah Strong, "Collector of the Town Rate of Derby, for the Society of Oxford," and was laid on an assessment of four pence on the pound. The warrant was signed by John Humphreys, Justice of the Peace.

Jabez Bacon,	£—	Moses Cande,	£31 17 6
Enoch Baley,	25 16	Caleb Candee,	77 3 9
Eliakim Bardsley,	55 10 6	Job Candee,	29 2 6
Justus Barnes,	18	Abijah Chatfield,	85 13 3
Abraham Bassit,	62 12	Benajah Chatfield,	30 0 6
Edward Bassit,	20 14 9	Gideon Chatfield,	43 7
John Bassit,	54 6 3	Isaac Chatfield,	33 15
John Bassit, Jr.,	41 16 6	John Chatfield,	21 2
Samuel Bassit, Jr.,	30 6	Samuel Chatfield,	31 12
Truman Bassit,	10	William Church,	39 6 3
T. Miles Bassit,	28	Abel Clark,	22 1 3
Elisha Bates,	44 16 6	George Clark,	21 9 6
Lewis Blackman,	23	Hezekiah Clark,	57 7 6
John Botchford,	20 5 3	Thomas Clark, Esq.,	116
Charles Bradley,	10 16 6	Thomas Clark, Jr.,	79 16 3
Isaac Bryan,	49 10	John Davis,	53 5
Andrew Buckingham,	26 17 6	Elijah Durand,	68 16 6
Ebenezer Buckingham,	46 13	Joseph Durand,	26 3
Ebenezer Buckingham, Jr.,	26 12 6	Nehemiah Durand,	35 12
Nathan Buckingham,	92 9	Osee Dutton,	7 2
Charles Bunnell,	23 7 3	Abial Fairchild,	65 15 9
Isaac Bunnell,	7 8 3	Nathan Fairchild,	61 18 9
John Bunnell,	18	Daniel Finch,	27 9
Luke Bunnell,	20 19 3	Nathan French,	43 5 6
Reuben Bunnell,	20	Sherman Hatch,	20 11 3
William Bunnell,	29	Elijah Hawkins,	53 16 6
Benedict Burwell, Jr.,	18	Silas Hawkins,	39 6
David Cande,	9	Zachariah Hawkins,	69 6 9
Enos Cande,	2 1 3	Hial Hine,	49 0 6
Gideon and Medad Cande,	43 6 6	Ebenezer Hoadley,	14 15 6
Justus Cande,	47 8	Joseph Hubbel,	21 16



Richard Hubbel,	£39 13 6	Ebenezer Riggs,	£69 18 6
Abel Hull,	45 3 3	Edward Riggs,	29 8 6
Silas Curtiss, Huntington,	11 12	John Riggs,	107 6
Andrew Hurd,	9 19	Moses Riggs,	38 7
William Hurd,	2 19	Samuel Riggs,	27
Abijah Hyde,	85 18 6	Zadeck Sanford,	36 5
Asel Hyde,	43 18 6	Asahel Scott,	21
Daniel Hyde,	26	Jesse Scott,	23 7 6
Joseph Hyde,	46 9	David Smith,	21 7 6
Nathan Hyde,	19	David Smith, Jr.	24 10
Abner Johnson,	29 18 6	David Smith, 3d,	24
Ebenezer Johnson, Jr.,	111 18 9	Elijah Smith, Jr.,	40 12 6
Ezra Johnson,	21	Gershom Smith,	21
Jeremiah Johnson,	35 2 6	John Smith,	22
Timothy Johnson,	9 18 6	Jonathan Sperry,	13 17
Selah Judd,	33 5	Josiah Strong,	62 15
Elnathan Lake,	5 13	David Tomlinson,	114 12 6
Doriman Leavenworth,	21	Noah Tomlinson,	22 13 3
Amzi Lewis,	5 4	Noah Tomlinson, Jr.	43 12
Asahel Lewis,	12 4 6	John Towner,	53 19 6
Eunice Lewis,	4 18	Joseph Towner,	3 6
Silas Lewis,	27 15	Rachel Towner,	1 4
William Lewis,	22 1 6	Daniel Treat,	45 15 3
William Lewis, Jr.,	29 10	Josiah Tucker,	18
Zablon Lines,	18	Samuel Tucker, Jr.	23 4
William Little,	25 2	Benjamin Twichel,	41 2 6
Noah R. Lyman,	20 18	David Twichel,	10
Mary Merwin,	59 11 3	David Twichel,	29 10 6
Lewis Mynott,	18 18	David Twichel, Jr.,	32 8
Isaac Nichols,	104 15	Ebenezer Twichel,	26 9 9
Jared Osborn,	39 1	John Twichel,	49 8 9
Joseph Osborn,	53 1 6	Joseph Twichell,	87 10 6
Joseph Osborn, Jr.,	40 15	Stephen Warner,	2 16 6
Joshua O-born,	31	Josiah Washburn,	91 17 6
Thomas Osborn,	133 9 9	James Wentworth,	21
Nathan Patigman,	32 2 6	Elisha Wheeler,	27
Daniel Perkins,	48 19	Samuel Wheeler,	80 19 6
Ethel Perkins,	55 15 6	Samuel Wheeler, Jr.,	39 5
Ethel Perkins,	1 10	Walker Wilmott,	6 15
Roger Perkins,	38 7 6	Charles Wooden,	18 10
Caleb Perry,	20	David Wooden,	46 15 6
Gideon Perry,	72 13 9	Salmon Wooden,	18
James Perry,	1	William Wooden, Jr.,	29 9
James Perry and son,	52 16 6	Susannah Woodruff,	4 16
Eli Person,	50 17	Arthur Wooster,	79 9 6
Anne Riggs,	59 4 6	Ebenezer Wooster,	119 15
David Riggs,	14 17	Elisha Wooster,	27 2



Isaac Wooster,	£21	Hial Hine,	£5
John Wooster, Esq., and son,	133 5 6	Jesse Scott,	5
Joseph Wooster,	72 8	Josiah Strong,	15
Nathaniel Wooster,	23 11 3	David Tomlinson,	£25
Nathan Wright,	21	Noah Tomlinson,	5
		Nathaniel Wooster,	5
ASSESSMENTS.		The foregoing is a true copy taken	
Gideon and Medad Cande,	5	out of Derby Grand List of the year	
Job Cande,	5	1792.	
Dr. Osee Dutton,	10	Test	JOHN HUMPHREY, Clerk.

A later list without date contains seventy-one new names, and other variations are—Wooding instead of Wooden, Ebenezer Riggs has the title of Deacon, Joseph Osborn is Captain, and the Jr. is omitted after the name of Ebenezer Johnson. There is a line "Samuel and Samuel Chatfield," seeming to indicate that there were two of the name, probably father and son, taxed together; Ethiel Perkins (Ethel in previous list) moved to Vermont in 1795; Timothy Johnson died Aug. 29, 1795; and David Twitchell Jan. 19, 1796; so that the list would appear to have been made out early in 1795. The Isaac Bunnell named in the earlier list is supposed to be the one who enlisted at Waterbury and served in the Revolutionary War. The new names in this later list were as follows:

Simeon Andrews.	John Hide.	Lewis Riggs.
Elihu Bates.	Andrew Hird, Stratford.	Abigail Shelton.
Abraham Beecher.	Samuel Hitchcock.	Richard Smith.
Isaac Beecher,	Joseph Holbrook.	Samuel Smith, Jr.
Deacon Daniel Bennit.	Abigail Johnson.	Charles Strong.
Gideon Buckingham.	Daniel Johnson.	Aaron Tharp.
Isaac Bunnell, Jr.	William Jordain.	Edmund Treat.
Benedick Burritt.	John Lewis.	Philo Treat.
Daniel Candee.	Samuel Lewis.	Israel Trowbridge.
Nehemiah Candee.	Naboth Osborn.	Daniel Tucker, Jr.
Samuel Candee.	Samuel Patterson,	Gideon Tucker.
Eli Chatfield.	Mary Perkins.	Samuel Tucker, Sr.
Oliver Chatfield.	Arthur Perry, Ripton.	Gideon Tuttle.
John Churchel.	Yelverton Perry.	Enoch Twitchell.
Silas Constant.	David Person.	Jabez Twitchell.
Joseph Davis.	Nathan Persons.	David Wells.
John Durand.	Ebenezer Plant.	Robert Wheeler.
David Fabrique.	Richard Plat.	John Williams.
Thomas Fling.	Stephen Plat.	Daniel Wilmot.
Amos Fox.	Capt. Eben ^r Riggs.	David Woodruff.
John Goodsell.	Dea. Eben ^r Riggs.	Abel Wooster.
John Griffin.	James Riggs.	Joseph Wooster, Jr.
Edward Hawkins,	John Riggs, Jr.	Thomas Wooster.
John Hawkins,	Joseph Riggs.	





Seth Den Falls.



MARRIAGES IN QUAKER FARMS

By Squire David Tomlinson, from 1799 to 1821. An exact copy of the original record kept by him.

Married by the Subscribing authority on the First Day of Oct. 1799, Moses Riggs and Eunice Clarke, both of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Jus. of Peace.

Married on the 25th Day of Decembr, 1799, Elijah Wooster of Salim to Anna Bunnell of Oxford, Both of New Haven County, by me.

David Tomlinson, Just. of Peace

Married by the Subscribing authority on the 25 Day of Febry, 1800, Phineas Trussle To Rachel Perry, both of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married by the Subscribing authority on the 5th Day of November, 1801, Wooster Clark of Oxford to Nancy Severance, of Derby, in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Just. of Peace.

Married by the subscribing authority on the 17th Day of Sept., 1803, Mr. Noble Baldwin of New Milford to Miss Mary Hinman of Oxford. Oxford, Sept. 17th, 1803.

David Tomlinson, Just. of Peace.

Married by the subscribing authority on 10th Day of March, 1804, Sheldon Wooster To Sabre Perry, both of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married by the subscribing authority on the 4th Day of October, 1804, Curtis Lum of Southbury To Eunice Hawkins of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Just. of Peace.

On the 9th Day of January, 1805, Garshom Wells of New Town in Fairfield County, to Hannah Hawkins of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married by the subscribing authority on the 12th day of July, 1805, Belden Burt of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield, to Levina Johnson of Southbury in Litchfield County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

On the first day of September, 1805, James Lum of Southbury in Litchfield County to Lucy Hawkins of Oxford in New Haven County.



On the 16th day of December, 1805, James Green to Althea Hawkins, both of Oxford in New Haven County.

On the 31st day of December, A. D. 1805, Sheldon Wooster to Sally Hull, both of Oxford.

On the 17th day of May, A. D. 1806, Philo Wooster of Skohary in the State of New York to Sally Hawkins of Oxford.

On the 24th day of August, A. D. 1806, Isaac Hull to Diana Skeels, both of Oxford.

On the 8th day of November, 1806, Richard Hawley of Southbury in Litchfield County to Hannah Peck of Derby in New Haven County.

On the 8th day of November, 1806, Stephen Treadwell to Sally Richardson, both of Oxford in New Haven County.

On the 3d day of September, 1807, Sheldon Bunnel to Ana Morehouse, both of Oxford in New Haven County.

On the 7th day of September, 1807, Judson Perry of Southbury in New Haven County to Ana Segor of Huntington in Fairfield County.

Married on the 21st day of June, A. D. 1810, Mr. Eliot Bassett of Oxford to Miss Sally Pangmon of said Oxford.

Married on the 6th day of January, 1811, by the subscriber, Alson Hendrix of Southbury to Cynthia Bunnel of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married by the subscriber on the 5th day of May, 1811, Arad Skeels to Sybila Wooden, both of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married on the 8th day of July, 1811, by the subscribing authority, David Mallery of Cornwil in the County of Litchfield to Sussanna Botsford of Oxford. David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married by the subscribing authority on the second day of September 1811, John Durand to Betsy Clark, both of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

On the 12th day of July, 1812, Mr. Lorrins Perce of Southbury to Miss Polly Bennett of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

On the 12th of January, A. D. 1813, Asahel Stilson of Bethliham in Litchfield County to Hannah Hull of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of the Peace.

On the 24th day of January, A. D. 1814, Ezra Wheeler of Huntington to Polly Bebee of Oxford.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.



On the 12th day of February, 1814, Chester Bunnell to Roxey Dunning, both of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

On the 10th day of June, A. D. 1814, John Garrett to Anna Bugbee of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

On the 11th day of March, 1821, Henry Hoyt of Danbury to Prucla Hendrix of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.

Married on the 23d day of November, 1821, by the subscribing authority, Philo Bassitt to Nancy Bryan, both of Oxford in New Haven County.

David Tomlinson, Justice of Peace.



FROM THE RECORDS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

BAPTISMS.

Miss Betsey Elizabeth Leek, adult, June 27, 1847.

Frederick Ray, son of Thomas C. Osborn, June 27, 1847.

Julia, daughter of Enos Chatfield, June 27, 1847.

Mary Louisa, Ellen, Sarah Martha, Charles Ward, children of Victoria Lounsbury, July 11, 1847.

George Washington, son of ——— Coggsell, July 11, 1847.

George Henry, son of Maria Morris, Nov. 13, 1847.

Albert William, Franklin Miles, Charles Hudson, Mary Jane, children of David R. Lum, Feb. 27, 1848.

James Tyler, Elisha Wheeler, children of Elisha W. Gedney, May 28, 1848.

Nathan Anthony, Maria Elizabeth, Polly Ann, children of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Styles, May 28, 1848.

Mary Ellen McLean, adult, July 9, 1848.

Sarah Jane, daughter of John Beecher, Sept. 3, 1848.

Roswell Hanford. Glover Wheeler, Hannah Jennette, children of Roswell Cable, Sept. 3, 1848.

Horace Scott Cable, adult, Sept. 9, 1848.

Charles Abner, Catherine Ann, children of H. S. Cable, Sept. 9, 1848.

Mary Maria, adult, Jane Augusta, children of Mr. Peck of Woodbridge, Sept. 17, 1848.

Orlando Cable, son of Joel Osborne, Sept. 17, 1848.

Henrietta Mary, daughter of Hiel Botsford, Oct. 13, 1848.



INFANT BAPTISMS.

- Elsie Maria, Alice Jane, children of Nelson B. and Maria Williams, Sept. 1, 1850.
- Eunice Frances, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Ann, Atwater Bryant, children of Atwater and Elizabeth Ann Treat, Sept. 1, 1850.
- Huldah Elizabeth, daughter of Chauncey M. and Minerva B. Hatch, Sept. 1, 1850.
- John Thomas, Louisa Antoinette, Helen Mae, Mary Gilbert, children of John B. and Mary Ann Bassett, Sept. 1, 1850.
- Mary Elvira, daughter of Ransom and Maria Hudson, Sept. 1850.
- Elizabeth Adelaide, daughter of Washington and Adeline Benham, Sept. 1, 1850.
- Francis Ann, George Smith, children of Smith and Ann M. Gunn, Sept. 1, 1850.
- Mary Sophia, Henry Samuel, children of Elisha and Eliza Wheeler, Oct. 26, 1851.
- Franklin Lewis, son of Lewis and Lucinda Davis, Oct. 26, 1851.
- Henrietta Eliza, daughter of Horace and Ann Tomlinson Cable, Oct. 26, 1851.
- Frederick Kellogg, son of Harry and Mary Antoinette Sutton, Oct. 26, 1851.
- Samuel Allen, son of John B. and Mary Ann Bassett, June 24, 1853.
- Virgil, Homer, Leonidas, Harry, Floyd Frost, children of Edward B. and Angelina T. Hitchcock, July 3, 1853.
- Eliza Irene, daughter of Lyman and Maria J. Terrell, July 3, 1853.
- David Hotchkiss, Mary Henrietta, children of Frederick Augustus and Louisa Augusta Candee, Oct. 3, 1853.
- Julia Elizabeth, Lilian, children of Wilson H. and Julia E. Clark, Sept. 17, 1854.
- Idella Maria, Elijah Burt, children of Atwater and Elizabeth Ann Treat, Sept. 17, 1854.
- Lucy Ann, Frances, children of Moody A. and Ellen Jane Brown, Sept. 17, 1854.
- Frank Alonzo, son of Alonzo and Lavinia L. Leek, Nov. 21, 1854.
- Elizabeth Amanda, dau. of Alonzo and Lavinia L. Leek, Nov. 28, '54.
- Frank Albert, son of Harry and Mary Antoinette Sutton, Mar. 23, '55.
- Jeanetta Adeline, Louisa Elizabeth, Frederick Catlin, children of Frederick Augustus and Louisa Augusta Candee, Mar. 23, 1855.
- Frances Electa, dau. of Frederick and Sarah Caples, April 16, '55.
- Frederick Lewis, son of Atwater and Elizabeth Treat, May 11, '56.



- Alfred Newton, son of Elisha and Eliza Ann Wheeler, May 18, 1856.
 Henry, Emma, children of David and Mary Hawley, May 18, 1856.
 Sarah Eliza, dau. of Stiles and Mary Amanda Fairchild, May 18, '56.
 Lucy Aldane Davis, William Otis Davis, Dec. 28, 1858.
 George Augustus Candee, Dec. 28, 1858; Louisa A. Candee, Jane
 Jennette Hotchkiss, Dec. 28, 1856; sponsors, Jane E. Hotchkiss,
 Jane E. Hubbell, S. Clark.
 Laura Ann Lake, Dec. 28, 1858; sponsors, Laura E. Carley, Ellen
 S. Lake, Anna M. Clarke.
 Annie Fairchild Clarke, parents sponsors, Dec. 28, 1858.
 John Hamilton Carley, Emmett Albert Carley, Charlie Warner
 Carley, Dec. 28, 1858; sponsors, M. Hatch, James F. Carley,
 Laura E. Carley.
 David Delbert Perry, Sept. 10, 1860; sponsors, Mrs. Maria Hudson,
 Elizabeth J. Perry, Mrs. Perry.
 Jennie Maria Parmely, March 22, 1863; sponsors, Mr. and Mrs.
 Parmely, Miss Jennie Treat.
 Sarah Mina Wheeler, sponsors, Laura Chatfield, Mrs. H. C. Hatch,
 Oct. 11, 1852.
 Noyes Ely Alling, son of Edwin B. and Laura C. Alling, Mar. 7, '63.
 George McClellan Davis, son of Wm. H. and Frances J. Davis,
 July 19, 1862.
 Sarah Josephine Adeline Pardee, sponsors, C. M. Hatch, Electa
 Davis, Delia E. Fairchild, Feb. 9, 1858.
 Mary Louisa Spencer, Sept. 15, 1851; Frederick William, Jan. 2,
 1853; Martha Edith, Sep. 9, 1854; Charles Henry, Sept. 19,
 1856; George Frances, Dec. 21, 1860; children of Henry and
 Mary Spencer.
 Edwin Leroy Oatman, July 4, 1853; William Josiah, Nov. 22, 1856;
 Horace Hurd, Oct. 23, 1860; sponsors, G. Burton Oatman, E.
 Oatman, R. Hudson, Polly Oatman.
 Henry Perry Williams, sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, C. M.
 Hatch, May 20, 1863.
 Leander Andrew Bunnell, April 5, 1852; Charles Albert, Nov. 11,
 Lelia Henrietta, Aug. 16, 1855; Martha Eliza, Jan. 4, 1858,
 sponsors, James Bunnell, Mrs. Lucy Bunnell.
 Mary Maravina, Sept. 20, 1850; Idella Jane, Nov. 11, 1852; William
 Nehemiah, May 25, 1855; Charles Burton, July 16, 1859; Lin-
 netta Grace, March 6, 1861; Nancy Maria: Feb. 26, 1863; chil-
 dren of Nehemiah and Nancy Andrews.
 Edwin, son of John F. and Sarah Riggs, Feb. 27, 1861.

Eva, daughter of John F. and Sarah Riggs, Jan., 1863.

Emma Maria, dau. of John D. and Hulda Whymbs, Feb. 11, 1862.

Frederick Alfred, son of Lucius P. and Emily C. Sperry, Oct. 16, '63.

Charles Bennett, son of Egbert L. and Harriet C. Warner, Jan. 14, 1864.

Charles Smith, Nov. 11, '57, Samuel Benjamin, Mar. 18, '60, Mary Augusta, July 8, '59, children of Benjamin U. and Esther A. Beecher.

Mary Esther, dau. of Albert D. and Maria E. Smith, July 26, 1864.

Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Henry S. and Bridget Hubbell, Nov. 19, 1864.

Nellie Russel, Nov. 23, '64, Smith Anthony, Jan. 6, 1865, children of Charles R. and Orinda T. Oatman.

Isaac Beecher, son of Wm. H. and Frances J. Davis, May 22, '66.

Charles Ward, George Ward, Mary Eliza Ward, Aug. 20, 1865, sponsors, Peter and Susan Lee Ward.

Nettie Lewis, dau. Lewis and Nancy Tucker, Sept. 2, 1865.

Willie Arthur, May 16, '62, Herbert Perry, Apr. 27, '64, children of William H. and Martha Riggs.

Alma Elizabeth, dau. of Nelson B. and Elizabeth J. Williams, June 6, 1865.

Fred Clinton, son of Clinton and Olivia N. Hart, Sept. 11, 1862.

Arthur Gains, son of Egbert L. and Harriet C. Warner, Dec. 12, '65.

Howard Lee Babcock, Aug. 19, 1866.

John Edson, son of Charles and Mary Ann Perry, Apr. 6, 1866.

James William, son of Henry Jones, June 15, 1856.

Frederick Otis, Sept. 2, 1855, Elmer David, Apr. '62, Edgar Cornelius, Oct. 8, '64, children of David W. and Mary L. Riggs.

Franklin Perry, Apr. 21, 1867.

Annie Maria, dau. of Merrill and Sarah Maria Baldwin, Jan. 24, '60.

William Fred and Mary Francis Rhodes, July 7, 1867.

Arthur Ray Osborn, July 7, 1867.

Addie Maria, dau. of Albert D. and Maria E. Smith, Sept. 25, 1866.

Lizzie Maria, dau. of Edwin and Laura Alling, Feb. 27, 1867.

Wilson Henry, Dec. 3, 1858, Helen Marian, Aug. 27, '61, children of Wilson and Julia Clark.

Clarissa Ellen Treat, Mar. 26, 1868.

Dennis Edson, son of Leverett and Emily C. Lindley, Feb. 7, 1865.

William Henry Miller, Sept. 6, 1868.

Albert Henry, son of Albert B. and Louisa M. Towner, Feb. 22, 1869.



Emma Jane Brighton, Mar. 23, 1855; sponsors Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hatch, Delia Fairchild.

Emmagene, dau. of William Coney, Sept. 22, '62.

Charles Andrew Schofield, May 1, 1855.

Betsey Lewis, Feb. 1858.

Otis David, son of David Hawley, Aug. 8, 1869.

Mary Fairchild, Aug. 23, '67, Lillian Fairchild, Nov. 2, '69, children of Joseph W. and Sarah E. Moody.

Herbert Hudson, son of Albert D. and Maria E. Smith, Nov. 17, '68.

Edwin Osborne, Feb. 2, '68, Sarah Frederica, Nov. 4, '69, children of Fred'k O. and Sarah E. Cable.

Mary Lewis, dau. of Egbert L. and Harriet C. Warner, May 31, '69.

Mary, dau. of Cosmo F. and Sarah A. Allen, Dec. 21, 1868.

Mary Elizabeth, dau. of Ellen M. Thompson, Jan. 7, 1868.

John Edward, son of Anthony B. and Ellen M. Hinman, Nov. 1871.

Clara Barton, Tomlinson, Nov. 25, '65.

Clarence Eugene, son of Edwin J. and Laura C. Alling, Sept. 15, '72.

Martha May, dau. of William H. and Martha Riggs, Jan. 25, 1872.

Mary Frances, dau. of Truman E. and Frances E. Hurd, Aug. 26, '66.

Catherine Maria, June 19, '70; Sarah Electa, Sept. 27, '72; children of Orlando C. and Idella J. Osborn.

Katie Elizabeth, dau. of Frank B. Andrews, Feb. 27, 1872.

Fannie, dau. of William Coney, April 5, 1874.

Arthur Russell, son of Frederick Russell Keeney, Apr. 5, 1874.

Jennie May, dau. of Elijah B. and Sarah A. Treat, April 20, 1874.

Lewis Henry, son of Frank L. and Mary E. Davis, Aug. 23, 1874.

Anna Louise, dau. of Charles H. and Kate E. Butler, June 7, 1874.

Frederick Augustus Candee, Jan. 27, 1859.

Eli Alfred Carley, Aug. 28, 1859.

David Hawley, John Hawley, March 9, 1860.

Edward Andrew, son of William and Mary M. Congo, Oct. 6, 1870.

Edward Russell and Carrie Julia, children of Heber and Jennie G.

Chatfield, June 4, 1870.

Amy Louisa, dau. of Albert B. and Louisa M. Towner, Mar. 14, '71.

Elmer, son of Smith and Mary J. Osborn, July 5, 1869.

Henry Amor Taylor, Mar. 3, '61; Albert Taylor, Apr. 15, '64; Mary

Jane Taylor, Feb. 15, '67; Charles Eberton Taylor, Mar. 14, '70.

Emma Augusta, Apr. 5 '62; Ida May, Oct. 4, '63; daughters of Albert

Seeley.



MARRIAGES.

- Burr Alling of Oxford and Sarah E. Hartson of Seymour, May 25, '51.
George A. Allen and Ellen P. Austin, both of Prospect, May 15, '74.
Henry D. Baldwin of Southbury and Grace D. Chatfield of Oxford,
Sept. 29, 1851,
Arthur H. Bartholomew and Henrietta E. Cable, both of Oxford,
Jan. 14, 1874.
Benjamin U. Beach of Cheshire and Esther A. Smith of Oxford,
June 8, 1856.
Willis M. Benham and Mary H. Tuttle, both of Woodbury, Nov.
10, 1855.
David W. Bronson of Southbury and Mary A. Booth of Oxford,
June 10, 1852.
Eras E. Burr of Southbury and Ellen T. Abbott, Oct. 25, 1871.
John A. Bussanik of Riverhead, L. I., and Jane A. Gunn of Oxford,
May 11, 1851.
Charles H. Butler and Kate E. Fowler of West Haven, Nov. 1, '68.
Frederick O. Cable and Electa Davis, both of Oxford, April 24, '53.
Alexander Campbell and Jennie Polhamius, both of New York, July
30, 1873.
Frederick C. Candee and Julia A. Keeney of Southbury, Nov. 13, '78.
James F. Carley and Mary A. Wooster of Quaker Farms, Sept. 9,
1860.
Beecher Chatfield of Oxford and Mary E. Seymour of Dubuque,
Ia., Sept. 14, 1851.
Divine Chatfield and Laura Perry, both of Oxford, Dec. 19, 1855.
Heber C. Chatfield of Oxford and Jennie G. Wooster of Seymour,
Jan. 26, 1868.
Howard Chatfield of Bethany and Emma Carrington of Seymour,
Aug. 80, 1857.
Wilson F. Clark of New Haven and Julia Cable of Oxford, Feb. 26,
1849.
Franklin L. Davis and Mary E. Lane, both of Oxford, Dec. 11, '72.
John Davis of Seymour and Augusta E. Fairchild of Oxford, May
9, 1852.
William H. Davis of and Catherine M. Fairchild, both of Oxford,
Jan. 28, 1874, by Rev. John T. Pearce.
William O. Davis and Hattie Benham, 1879, by Rev. J. H. Van
Buren.
Edmund L. Doolittle of Seymour and Mary Ann Sperry, Apr. 5, '68.



- William A. Downs and Augusta M. Smith, both of Oxford, Oct. 1, '68.
Herbert J. Fairbanks of Guilford, Vt., and Harriet E. Gale of Oxford, Oct. 22, 1874.
Charles S. Fairclough and Janette A. Wheeler, June 5, 1887.
Benjamin Graham and Sarah M. Graham, both of Oxford, Sept. 14, 1856.
John Gray of Newtown and Mary E. Robinson of Southbury, June 13, 1876.
Henry C. Hawkins of Derby and Henrietta M. Hotchkiss of Oxford, Dec. 31, 1851.
John Hawley and Laura Davis, both of Oxford, June 8, 1861.
John M. D. Hendrick of New Haven and Harriet A. Sanford of Oxford, March 5, 1857.
Anthony B. Hinman and Ellen N. Benham, both of Oxford, Nov. 6, 1859.
Charles B. Hinman of Southbury and Hannah Smith of Oxford, Oct. 12, 1857.
Clark I. Hitchcock and Mary R. Pullon, both of Seymour, Sept. 1, 1867.
Laurin Hotchkiss of Westville to Amanda Leek of Oxford, Feb. 12, 1849.
John M. Hubbard of Orange and Laura B. Davis, Oct. 4, 1874.
Truman E. Hurd and Frances E. Wheeler, both of Southbury, Oct. 17, 1865.
Erastus J. Hurlbut of Washington and Emeline G. Alling of Oxford, March 30, 1853.
Nathan S. Johnson of Derby and Betsey M. Cable of Oxford, Aug. 31, 1851.
Wheeler Judson of New Fairfield and Elsy Tuttle of Oxford, May 1, 1851.
Peter Keeney of Norfolk and Catherine Murphy of Collinsville, Dec. 25, 1872.
John Knapp of Derby and Nancy A. Worthington of Oxford, June 9, 1856.
John N. Leonard of New Haven and Martha F. Pardee, Aug. 4, '69
William Lewis and Ellen Burton, both of Oxford, Feb. 24, 1874.
Miles Loveland and Mrs. Maria Jones, both of Oxford, Nov. 5, 1848.
William Lum and Mary E. Gunn, both of Oxford, June 16th, 1847.
Rev. John H. McCrackson of Hartford and Cora G. Bailey, June 6, 1885.



- Julius W. Monson of Wallingford and Lucy A. Carley of Oxford,
June 1, 1865.
- Joseph W. Moody Upper Jay, N. Y., and Sarah E. Fairchild of
Oxford, Nov. 28, 1866.
- Frederick E. Morris of Seymour and Evelina I. Roberts of South-
ford, Sept. 12, 1883.
- William J. Oatman and Sarah E. Edwards, both of Southbury,
April 2, 1880.
- Joel Osborn and Catherine S. Washband, both of Oxford, June
11, 1846.
- Elmer H. Pardee and Louise E. Candee, both of Oxford, Nov. 20, '79.
- Edwin S. Parmelee of Southbury and Mary Ann Treat of Oxford,
Sept. 14, 1859.
- James Pemberton of Waterbury and Mary Jane Riggs of Oxford,
Sept. 3, 1850.
- Cornelius C. Perkins of Bridgeport and Jannetta A. Candee of Ox-
ford, Nov. 21, 1867.
- Charles Perry and Mary Ann Alling, both of Oxford, Aug. 10, 1851.
- Horace B. Perry and Sarah J. Beecher, both of Oxford, July 15, '68.
- Everett S. Platt and Edna Hine, Sept. 14, 1886.
- John J. Reynolds of Seymour and Sarah J. Richardson of Middle-
bury, June 28, 1866.
- Herbert B. Richards of Southbury and Lillian H. Towne, Dec.
28, 1874.
- Charles Riggs of New Haven and Augusta Smith of Oxford, June
22, 1848.
- David C. Riggs and Esther A. Twitchell, both of Oxford, Nov. 11, '55.
- James P. Riggs and Henrietta Perry, both of Oxford, Dec. 2, 1869.
- Charles W. Robinson of Southbury and Idella M. Treat, April 24, '72.
- George P. Sanford and M. Augusta Judd, both of Oxford, Jan. 15, '68.
- Albert I. Smith and Maria E. Hudson, both of Oxford, Sept. 27, '63.
- Jervis Somers of Southbury and Antoinette Hawley, Apr. 19, 1877.
- George Sperry and Mary A. Cable, both of Oxford, Nov. 19, 1845.
- Lucius P. Sperry of Davenport, Ia., and Emily Chatfield of Ox-
ford, Jan. 29, 1856.
- Robert Stevens and Ella L. Wheeler, both of Southbury, Feb. 18, '85.
- Charles W. Storrs of Seymour and Mary L. Davis of Oxford, Mar.
30, 1863.
- William W. Thomas of Huntington and Julia Chatfield of Oxford,
Aug. 18, 1867.



Elijah B. Treat and Sarah A. Curtis, both of Oxford, Apr. 23, 1873.
 Lewis B. Tucker and Nancy I. Sutton, both of Oxford, Sept. 20, '63.
 Horace H. Twitchel of Naugatuck and Polly O. Kane of Oxford,
 Nov. 14, 1847.

Geo. H. Upson of Waterbury and Grace S. Barnes, Nov. 4, 1880.
 Orvin D. Warner of Derby and Helen S. Hawley, Dec. 25, 1872.

Theron R. Warner of Ansonia and Eliza A. Bassett of Southbury,
 July 14, 1851.

Henry S. Wheeler of Southbury and Hannah A. Candee, Dec. 5, '77.
 Joel M. Wheeler and Mary A. Smith, both of Oxford, Jan. 20, 1869.

Robert Wheeler and Sarah Ward, both of Oxford, Sept. 27, 1876,
 by Rev. E. K. Lessell.

Nelson B. Williams and Elizabeth I. Perry, both of Oxford, March
 17, 1861.

David N. Woodruff of Woodbury and Nancy S. Benham of Nauga-
 tuck, Sept. 15, 1855.

Charles H. Woodward and Nellie R. Oatman, Oct. 6, 1886.

Edwin J. Wooster and Anna G. Loughlin, both of Oxford, Aug. 4,
 1885.

Horace B. Wooster of Middlebury and Nancy E. Riggs of Oxford,
 Nov. 12, 1848.

BAPTISMS.

Laura C. Alling, July 19, 1857.

Erwin B. Alling, Aug. 18, 1855.

Mary L. Anketell, ——— 1839.

Mary A. Anketell, Feb. 9, 1862.

Thomas J. Anketell, May 14, 1864.

Elizabeth P. Barnes, Aug. 12, 1859.

John S. Barnes, Apr. — 1861.

Sarah Beecher, Jan. 14, 1846.

Ellen M. Benham, Aug. 13, 1837.

Elizabeth A. Benham, Oct. 14, 1848.

Hattie A. Benham, May 30, 1854.

George Brighton, Oct. 5, 1852.

Kate E. Butler, Aug. 4, 1848.

Betsey Cable, June 8, 1803.

Glover W. Cable, April 2, 1844.

Henrietta E. Cable, May 17, 1851.



- Louisa A. Candee, April 12, 1825.
David H. Candee, Sept. 22, 1846.
Jennetta A. Candee, May 30, 1848.
Louisa E. Candee, April 11, 1850.
Mary H. Candee, Sept. 29, 1851.
Frederick C. Candee, Aug. 15, 1854.
Hannah A. Candee, June 9, 1856.
Eli A. Carley, April 12, 1809.
Ellen S. Carley, June 3, 1838.
Laura E. Carley, Sept. 28, 1813.
Lucy A. Carley, Sept. 19, 1832.
James F. Carley, May 5, 1837.
Addison B. Clarke, Jan. 31, 1842.
Alice E. Clarke, July 30, 1843.
John R. Davis, Dec. 20, 1814.
Sarah J. Davis, Oct. 29, 1819.
Laura Davis, Sept. 13, 1840.
Wm. Hart Davis, March 10, 1829.
Frances J. Davis, June 18, 1837.
Albert A. Dutton, Feb. 5, 1829.
Julia A. Downs, Oct. 29, 1847.
Hanford Fairchild, Mch. 7, 1799.
Delia Elvira Fairchild, Oct. 7, 1800.
Sarah M. Fairchild, Sept. 6, 1829.
George A. Fairchild, Nov. 13, 1838.
John H. Fairchild, April 22, 1837.
Sarah E. Fairchild, Aug. 2, 1848.
Charles B. Graham, Jan. 21, 1857.
Chauncey M. Hatch, Nov. 16, 1786.
Huldah C. Hatch, ———1793.
Henry Abijah Hawkins, May 27, 1864.
David J. Hawley, May 27, 1799.
Mary Hawley, Sept. 14, 1803.
Henry Hawley, May 5, 1848.
Emma Hawley, Mch. 19, 1850.
Samuel E. Hubbell, June, 29, 1830.
Maria Elizabeth Hudson, Nov. 21, 1840.
Mary Elvira Hudson, May 14, 1849.
John P. Hubbell, Nov. 8, 1834.
Chas. T. Hubbell, Aug. 24, 1836.
Henry S. Hubbell, Dec. 24, 1839.



Frederick William Hubbell, Mch. 24, 1843.
Wales Austin Hubbell, Sept. 24, 1844.
Lewis Bennett Hubbell, Mch. 17, 1847.
George Sperry Hubbell, Feb. 1, 1849.
Celestia A. Hubbell, Aug. 24, 1840.
Agnes Mary Keeney, May 24, 1862.
Frederick Augustus Lane, Jan. 15, 1863.
Julia S. Leavenworth, Sept. 4, 1845.
Sarah E. Leavenworth, Oct. 30, 1847.
Frank A. Leek, Aug. 14, 1844.
Elizabeth A. Leek, July 4, 1853.
Emma Lounsbury, June 25, 1845.
Tully Lounsbury, Mch. 8, 1847.
David R. Lum, July 3, 1815.
Mary B. Lum, Mch. 26, 1816.
Albert W. Lum, May 2, 1838.
Franklin M. Lum, May 13, 1840.
Charles H. Lum, Oct. 2, 1843.
Mary J. Lum, Feb. 14, 1846.
Henrietta M. Lum, Sept. 8, 1858.
Nellie R. Oatman, Nov. 23, 1864.
Smith A. Oatman, Jan. 6, 1865.
Thomas C. Osborne, Oct. 6, 1808.
Nancy R. Osborne, Sept. 18, 1810.
T. Smith Osborne, Feb. 2, 1839.
Mary R. Osborne, May 22, 1842.
F. Ray Osborne, March 1, 1845.
Orlando C. Osborne, March 23, 1847.
Betsey M. Osborne, Apr. 4, 1857.
Lois Perry, October — 1790.
Elizabeth J. Perry, Mch. 12, 1825.
Ellen O. Perry, bap. May 10, 1854.
Charles B. Perry, Dec. 9, 1855.
Sarah Ann Smith, Nov. 16, 1833.
Daniel Albert Smith, May 25, 1837.
Laura C. Smith, June 20, 1842.
Lucy Esther Smith, Apr. 20, 1846.
Henry Ephraim Smith, Mch. 4, 1850.
Mary Somers, Sept. 13, 1824.
Jervis Somers, July 10, 1833.
Nancy J. Sutton, May 29, 1840.



Henry Sutton, May 31, 1843.

Frederick K. Sutton, Apr. 27, 1851.

Frank A. Sutton, April 1, 1854.

Ella M. Towner, Jan. 7, 1855.

Lillian Hannah Towner, July 1, 1858.

Atwater Treat, Sept. 4, 1810.

Elizabeth Ann Treat, Aug. 5, 1812.

Eunice Frances Treat, Sept. 5, 1836.

Elizabeth Jane Treat, May 27, 1838.

Mary Ann Treat, June 1, 1840.

A. Bryant Treat, June 30, 1842.

Elijah B. Treat, Nov. 30, 1842.

Idella M. Treat, May 11, 1853.

Charles Ward, Apr. 11, 1851.

George Ward, Sept. 16, 1853.

Matthew Ward, Oct. 12, 1839.

Mary E. Ward, Oct. 28, 1856.

James L. Wheeler, Mch. 1, 1837.

Frances Eliza Wheeler, Oct. 17, 1840.

Martha Elizabeth Wheeler, Aug. 12, 1842.

Mary S. Wheeler, Apr. 26, 1846.

Henry S. Wheeler, Aug. 5, 1848.

Alfred Newton Wheeler, Jan. 2, 1855.

Elsie M. Williams, Feb. 16, 1841.

Alice J. Williams, Nov. 19, 1846.

Edward Andrew, son of William and Mary M. Coney, Oct. 16, 1870.

Edward Russell, Carrie Julia, children of Heber and Jennie G.

Chatfield, June 4, 1871.

Amy Louisa, dau. of Albert B. and Louisa M. Towner, Mar. 14, '71.

Elmer, son of Smith and Mary J. Osborn, July 5, 1869.

Henry Amor Taylor, March 3, 1861.

Albert Taylor, April 15, 1864.

Mary Jane Taylor, Feb. 15, 1867.

Charles Eberton Taylor, March 14, 1870.

Emma Augusta, April 5, 1862, Ida May, Oct. 4, 1863, daughters of
Albert Seeley.

John Edward, son of Anthony B. and Ellen M. Hinman, Nov. 1871.

Clara Barton Tomlinson, Nov. 25, 1865.

Clarence Eugene, son of Edwin J. and Laura C. Alling, Sept. 15, '72.

Martha May, dau. of William H. and Martha Riggs, June 25, 1872.

Mary Frances, dau. of Truman E. and Frances E. Hurd, Aug. 26, '66.



Catherine Maria, June 19, '70, Sarah Electa, Sept. 27, '72, children of Orlando C. and Idella J. Osborn.

Katie Elizabeth, dau. of Frank B. Andrews, Feb. 27, 1872.

Fannie, dau. of William Coney, April 5, 1874.

Arthur Russell, son of Frederick Russell Keeney, April 5, 1874.

Jennie May, dau. of Elijah B. and Sarah A. Treat, April 20, 1874.

Lewis Henry, son of Frank L. and Mary E. Davis, Aug. 23, 1874.

Anna Louis, dau. of Charles H. and Kate E. Butler, June 7, '74.

Annie Elvira, dau. of Noah J. and Laura E. Welton, Mar. 17, 1870.

Arthur Evelyn, son of Edwin J. and Laura C. Alling, Mar. 28, 1875.

Bessie Minerva, dau. of Glover W. and Elizabeth H. Cable, July 15, '75.

Emma Flora, dau. of Albert B. and Louisa M. Towner, Jan. 8, '73.

Katie Eliza, Dec. 18, 1868, Henry Baldwin Harrison, July 22, 1869, children of Truman E. and Frances E. Hurd.

Florence Louisa, dau. of Elijah B. and Sarah A. Treat, Nov. 6, '77.

Bertha Maria, dau. of Henry A. and Ellen B. Lane, July 10, 1872.

John Birdsey, son of Geo. P. and M. Augusta Sanford, Mar. 13, '76.

Franklin Burton, son of Edwin J. and Laura C. Alling, June 14, '78.

William Everett, son of Edward W. Chatfield, Feb. 15, 1876.

Lillian Brockett, July 10, 1867, Carrie Zerniah, July 4, 1870, children of Gilbert Robinson.

Frederick Alfred, Apr. 3, '77, Henry Roswell, Jan. 17, '79, children of Glover W. and Elizabeth H. Cable.

Frances Mallett, dau. of W. O. and Hattie Davis, Nov. 28, 1880.

Frederick Townsend, son of Fred'k R. and Agnes Keeney, Nov. 28, '80.

Frederick Arthur, son of Fred C. and Julia H. Candee, Nov. 28, '80.

Sarah Jennette, dau. of John and Laura Hawley, Nov. 28, 1880.

Libbie Coe Pope, John Horace Pope, William Benjamin Pope, Albert Kimberly Pope, June 26, 1881.

Minnie Alice Milburn, June 26, 1881.

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Harry Elmer, son of F. C. and Julia Candee, April 16, 1882.

Harry Robert, son of Robt. and Sarah Wheeler, April 16, 1882.

Charles Heber, Ruth Wooster, children Heber Chatfield, Apr. 16, '82.

Mary Henrietta, dau. of E. B. and Sarah Treat, April 16, 1882.

—— child of Albert and Elizabeth Smith, June 1883.

Atwater Curtiss, son of Elijah and Sarah Treat, Feb. 15, 1883.

Ralph Elisha, son of Harry and Hannah Wheeler, Oct. 28, 1883.

Mary Louise, dau. of Elmer H. and Louise E. Pardee, Aug. 16, '84.

Emma Jane, dau. of Silas S. and C. M. Booth, Sept. 12, 1875.

Julia Gertrude, Sept. 17, 1880, Nelson Miles, Dec. 11, '82, Emma Jeannette, Jan. 17, '85, children of Glover W. and Elizabeth H. Cable.

- Henry Smith, Sept. 23, '74, William Thomas, Dec. 2, '85, at Southford; sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Wm. T. Smith, Elley Smith and C. Fairclough.
- Emma Rothchild, dau. of Harry and Hannah Wheeler, at Southford, May 27, 1886.
- Frances Polly Oatman, at Southford, Aug. 7, '83, sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Oatman. Prudence Edwards.
- Emma Prudence Adams, at Southford, Sept. 15, 1865, sponsors, Henry Wheeler, Mrs. H. Wheeler.
- Lydia Charlotte Milburn, at Southford, Aug. 23, 1873, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler.
- Jennetta Augusta Wheeler, Julia Glover Wheeler, at Southford, May 16, 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheeler.
- Mary Clark, Jan. 6, '81, Josephine Harriet, Oct. 28, '83, children of Jennie and Edward Chatfield.
- Henry Stewart Davis, Sept. 7, 1883.
- Mary Ellen Ward, Sept. 7, 1884.
- William Edward Vogelsang, Dec. 29, 1885.
- Frederick Lane Davis, Dec. 5, '84, Mary Northrop (Lum) Oct. 22, '57, sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Lewis H. Davis.
- Frederick Augustus Candee, Jan. 27, 1859.
- Eli Alfred Carley, Aug. 28, 1859.
- David Hawley, John Hawley, March 9, 1860.
- Ellen Maria Pardee, Nov. 23, 1843.
- Mary Jane Pardee, Aug. 25, 1848.
- Martha Frances Pardee, Aug. 7, 1850.
- Katharine Amelia Wheeler, Jan. 20, 1848.
- Lucy Maria Bunnell, March 29, 1830.
- Mary Jane Bunnell, Apr. 28, 1850.
- Nancy, wife of Nehemiah Andrews, Aug. 18, 1819.
- Jessie Mabel Lum, July 11, 1880, sponsors, mother and grandmother.
- Lois Elizabeth Andrew, Nov. 21, '52, Frederick William, Sept. 12, '85, sponsors, Mrs. Geo. Andrew, Daisy Andrew.
- Emeline Hine, at Southford, Oct. 12, 1838, sponsors, Mrs. Henry Wheeler, Rev. Mr. Potwine.
- Henrietta Wheeler, at Southford, Mch. 11, 1887, born 1821, sponsors, Mrs. Henry Wheeler, Rev. Mr. Potwine.
- Wm. Howard Milburn, at Southford, March 11, 1887, born 1871, sponsors, Mrs. Henry Wheeler, Rev. Mr. Potwine.



Le Grand Warner Lake, Jan. 10, 1833.
Marion Frances Lum, Dec. 15, 1842.
Mary Elizabeth Johnson, May 31, 1849.
Horatio Hawkins Carley, Aug. 20, 1864, witnesses, Laura E. and Susan Hepsie Ward, Dec. 12, 1847. [Eli A. Carley.]
Josephine Smith, June 14, 1854.
Mary Ann Perry, May 5, 1826.
Mary Ann Carley, Aug. 19, 1866.
Frances Minerva. dau. of David W. and Mary L. Riggs, Nov. 17, '53.
Emily Cornelia Lindley, April 21, 1867.
Joseph Whitman Moody, April 12, 1868.
Julia Almira Downs, May 28, 1854.
Sarah Eliza Pardee, Apr. 23, 1868.
Eleanor Celestia Robinson, March 22, 1851.
William Hubert Riggs, May 31, 1868.
George Andrews, May 31, 1868.
Hiram Osborn Peck, May 31, 1868.
Nelson Boardman, March 14, 1809.
Albert Bronson Towner, March 28, 1869.
William Coney, Feb. 26, 1831.
John Durey Lockwood, Feb. 17, 1844.
James Philo Riggs, Sept. 23, 1835.
Sarah Elizabeth, widow of John H. Fairchild, Jan. 26, 1844.
Charles Henry Butler, July 21, 1844.
Ellen Mary Thompson, April 15, 1850.
Harmond Albert Beers, husband of Nancy E. Beers, Nov. 24, 1837.
Jennette Riggs, wife of Samuel Riggs, June 16, 1819.
Sarah Amanda Treat, Sept. 10, 1873.
Martha Frances Hawley, Oct. 19, 1873.
Eunice Julia Robinson, Oct. 26, 1873.
Laura E., wife of Noah J. Welton, March 27, 1875.
Frank Arthur Barrows, Nov. 9, 1885.

DEATHS.

Thomas Spence, d. Oct. 13, 1845.
Joel Buckingham, d. Oct. 15, 1845.
Mrs. Susan Peck, d. Nov. 1, 1845, aged 61 years.
Andrew Welton, d. May 2, 1846, aged 72 years.
Elijah Johnson, d. May 23, 1847, aged 73 years.
William Perry, d. Jan. 5, 1848, aged 40 years.
Mrs. Clara Clarke, d. Jan. 18, 1848, aged 71 years.



- Mrs. Phebe Wheeler, d. April 17, 1848. aged 75 years.
Mrs. Lois E. Lum, d. May 6, 1848, aged 42 years.
Charles Abner, son of Horace Cable, d. Sept. 14, aged 13 months.
Rana Northrop, d. Sept. 21, 1848, aged 69 years.
Caroline, dau. of Joseph Conner, d. Sept. 21, 1848, aged 3 years.
Ellen, dau. of Smith Gunn, d. Sept. 21, 1848, aged 3 years.
Catherine Ann, dau. Horace Cable, d. Oct. 29, 1848, aged 2 y. 6 m.
Horace Bunnell, d. Nov. 18, 1848, aged 53 years.
Mahala Bryan (col.) d. Nov. 26, 1848, aged 20 years.
Col. John Davis, d. Nov. 28, 1848, aged 93 years.
John K. Bassett, d. July 29, 1849.
Leverett Riggs, d. Sept. 8, 1849, aged 62 years.
Smith Gunn, d. Feb. 25, 1850. aged 43 years.
Zevia, dau. of Daniel Chatfield, d. Sept. 16, 1850, aged 60 years.
Bennett Perry, d. March 11, 1851, aged 57 years.
William Church, d. March 11, 1851, aged 80 years.
Mary Elizabeth, dau. of George and Henrietta Candee, d. May 13, 1851, aged 12 years.
Sarah Bunnell, wife of Reuben Bunnell, d. Sept. 6, 1851, aged 84 y.
Bowers Johnson, d. Nov. 23, 1851, aged 83 years.
Mary Elizabeth, dau. of James and Elizabeth Moody, d. Jan 30, 1852, aged 14 years.
Mrs. Sarah Twitchell, wife of Abijah Twitchell, d. Feb. 13, 1852, æ76.
Betty Hall, d. Feb. 29, 1852. aged 58 years.
Henry, son of Charles and Sarah Nichols, d. May 13, 1852, aged 4 y.
Mehitable Davis, d. Dec. 30, 1852, aged 89 years.
Reuben Bunnell, d. Feb. 2, 1853, aged 87 years.
Samuel Wheeler, d. Feb. 3, 1853, aged 73 years.
Sarah, widow of Edward Riggs, d. March 23, 1853, aged 88 years.
Alonzo Leek, d. Jan. 10, 1854, aged 34 years.
Bernard, son of Cyrus Humphrey, d. Jan. 11, 1854, aged 34 years.
Thomas Baron, d. Jan. 27, 1854, aged 51 years.
Maria Loveland, wife of Miles Loveland, d. Jan. 29, 1854, aged 56 yrs.
Martha Jane, dau. Moody and Ellen J. Brown, d. July 30, 1854, æ16.
Laura, widow of John Davis, Jr., d. Nov. 14, 1854.
Mrs. Mamie, wife of Devine Chatfield, d. Jan. 28, 1855, aged 67.
Mrs. Patty Bostwick, d. March 31, 1855, aged 86 years.
Frances E., dau. Frederick and Sarah Cables, d. May 16, 1855, æ11m.
Sarah Clarissa Booth, d. June 14, 1855, aged 20 yrs., 8 mo.
Clara, wife of John Fairchild, d. April 22, 1856, aged 56 yrs.
Horace Scott, son Roswell and Hannah Cable, d. June 11, 1855, æ23.



Rachel Hall, (colored) d. July 8, 1856, aged 56 yrs.

Leverett Scovill, d. Sept. 7, 1856.

Charles, son of Bennett and Delia Scovill, d. Nov. 2, 1856.

Sarah Griswold, d. Dec. 18, 1856, aged 91 yrs.

Orlando Cable, d. Dec. 21, 1856, aged 60 yrs.

Louisa, dau. of David and Eunice Hurd, d. Nov. 30, 1856, aged 28.

Elizabeth S., dau. of Edmund E. and Maria T. Lewis, d. Jan. 27, 1857, aged 36 yrs.

George, son of Robert and Julia Wheeler, d. 1857, aged 34 yrs.

Enoch Perkins, d. May 14, 1857, aged 84 yrs.

Mrs. Deborah Wheeler, d. May 20, 1857, aged 88 yrs.

Mrs. Maria Morris (colored) dau. of Timothy and Olive Drake, d. July 12, 1857, aged 36 yrs.

Mrs. Sarah Burr, d. Nov. 17, 1857, aged 87 yrs.

Mrs. Ellen J., wife of Moody M. Brown, d. Nov. 20, 1857, æ 50 y.

Elvia Maria, dau. of Levi A. and Julia E. Morris, d. March 18, 1858, aged 2 yrs.

Ralph E., son of Elisha and Eliza A. Wheeler, d. June 8, 1858, aged 15 years.

Dwight, son of Nehemiah and Phinet Andrews, d. Aug. 22, 1858, aged 21 yrs.

Frederick Lewis, son of Atwater and Elizabeth Treat, d. Aug. 22, 1858, aged 2 yrs., 7 mo.

Adaline A., wife of Washington Benham, d. Oct. 7, 1858, aged 39 yrs., 6 mos.

Frederick A. Candee, d. Feb. 28, 1859, aged 41 yrs.

George A., son of Frederick A. and Louisa A. Candee, d. April 2, 1859, aged 11½ mos.

Maria, wife of Nelson B. Williams, d. July 9, 1859, aged 48 yrs.

Eunice F. dau. of Atwater and Elizabeth A. Treat, d. April 21, 1859, aged 22 yrs., 6 mos.

Johnson Camp, d. July 28, 1859, aged 65 yrs.

Devine Chatfield, d. March 24, 1860, aged 73 yrs.

Benjamin Graham, d. April 13, 1860, aged 37 yrs.

John L. Fairchild, d. April 29, 1860, aged 59 yrs.

David J. Hawley, d. May 23, 1860, aged 62 yrs.

——— Hinman, d. Aug. 18, 1860, aged 5 days.

Betsey Cable, d. Aug. 26, 1860, aged 57 yrs.

David D. Perry, d. Sept. 12, 1860, aged 2 1-4 yrs.

G. Henry Candee, d. Sept. 28, 1860, aged 15 yrs.



Philo Treat, d. Oct. 26, 1860, aged 40 yrs.

John A. Graham, d. Oct. 30, 1860.

Lucy Candee, d. Feb. 7, 1861, aged 79 yrs.

Eunice Dutton, d. Feb. 10, 1861, aged 68 yrs.

Olive Drake, d. Feb. 20, 1861, aged 66 yrs.

Alice J. Williams, d. Feb. 23, 1861, aged 14 yrs.

Polly Graham, d. Jan. 22, 1862, aged 66 yrs.

Betsie Hawkins, d. Feb. 19, 1862, aged 66 yrs.

Mrs. Cahoe, d. March 30, 1862, aged 62 yrs.

Mrs. Nabby Sherman, d. Oct. 2, 1862, aged 68 yrs.

Mrs. Sarah Osborn, d. Jan. 4, 1863, aged 78 yrs.

John Lanse, d. Jan. 17, 1863, aged 28 yrs.

Francis W. Green, d. Jan. 21, 1863, aged 2 yrs.

Roswell Cable, bu. Aug. 10, 1863, aged 67 yrs., husband of
Hannah Cable.

Jane E., wife of Leonard Hotchkiss, d. Sept. 29, 1863, aged 31 yrs.

Deme Lum, d. Nov. 3, 1863, aged 83 yrs., 11 mos.

Henry, son of Henry and Bridgett Hubbell, d. Nov. 14, 1863,
aged 2 yrs., 3 mos.

Abel W. Bronson, bu. March 8, '64, aged 66 yrs., husband of Eliza.

Ida J., dau. of James and Lucy Bunnell, d. March 17, 1864, aged
4 yrs., 4 mos.

Rosey, wife of Enos Chatfield, d. May 21, 1864, aged 62 yrs.

Martha E., dau. of James and Lucy Bunnell, d. June 10, 1864,
aged 6 yrs., 4 mos.

Emma M., dau. of John D. Huldah Whymbs, bu. Sept. 28, 1864,
aged 2 yrs., 7 mos.

Polly Beardsley, widow, bu. Oct. 25, 1864, aged 85 yrs.

Ransom Hine, bu. Nov. 11, '64, aged 50 yrs., son of Mrs. C. Botsford.

Mrs. Rebecca Gunn, d. Nov. 24, 1864, aged 47 yrs.

Charles Woodin, d. Mar. 21, 1865, aged 53 yrs.

Willie, son of Theodore and Martha Wheeler, bu. Apr. 12, 1865,
aged 5 weeks.

Laura M., dau. of Charles and Mary Ann Perry, d. Apr. 21, 1865,
aged 2 weeks, 5 days.

Hattie, dau. of Harry and Mary A. Sutton, d. June 25, 1865, aged
4 yrs., 10 mos.

Mrs. Nancy Lum, bu. Aug. 14, 1865, aged 48 yrs.

Charles B., son of Egbert L. and Harriet C. Warner, bu. Sept. 1,
1865, aged 1 yr., 8 mos.



- Leonard Hotchkiss, widower, d. Sept. 3, 1865, aged 38 yrs.
Martha L., wife of J. J. Jones, d. Nov. 24, 1865, aged 29 yrs.
Samuel Candee, husband of Lucy, d. Dec. 17, 1865, aged 76 yrs.
Chauncey M. Hatch, d. Dec. 20, '65, aged 79 yrs., hus. of Huldah C.
George Sperry, bu. Dec. 26, 1865, aged 54 yrs., hus. of Mary Ann.
Betsy Chatfield, bu. March 6, 1866, aged 48 yrs.
Elizabeth, wife of Washington Benham, d. Apr. 4, '66, aged 36 yrs.
Caroline E., wife of Bryant Treat, d. Apr. 7, '66, aged 24 yrs., 7 mos.
Sally P. Smith, d. Apr. 12, 1866, aged 73 yrs.
Mary, wife of Cosmos F. Alling, d. May 11, 1866, aged 24 yrs.
Wales A., son of Everett and Jane Hubbell, d. May 16, 1866, aged
21 yrs., 7 mos.
James F. Carley, d. June 6, 1866, aged 28 yrs.; 11 mos., husband of
Mary Ann Carley.
Ellen O., dau. of Charles and Mary Ann Perry, d. July 14, 1866,
aged 12 years.
Letson Buckingham, d. July 23, 1866, aged 66 yrs.
Mrs. Nabby Osborn, d. July 31, 1866.
Charles Hubbell, d. Sept. 3, '66, aged 30 yrs., hus. of Mary Hubbell.
Albert Morris, bu. Oct. 10, 1866, aged 12 years, son of Levi
and Juliett Morris.
Hannah, wife of Joel Riggs, d. Jan. 18, 1867, aged 65 yrs.
Eli A. Carley, d. Jan. 26, '67, aged 58 yrs., hus. of Laura E. Carley.
Betsey, wife of Agar Curtiss, d. Feb. 12, 1867, aged 79 yrs.
George English, d. Feb. 21, 1867, aged 31 yrs.
Philena Bunnell, bu. Mar. 21, 1867, aged 75 yrs.
Melissa D., dau. of Albert Seeley, bu. April 20, 1867, aged 7 mos.
Lucy M., wife of James Bunnell, d. May 9, 1867, aged 37 yrs.
William H. Botsford, d. June 22, 1867, aged 64 yrs.
Horace T. Cable, d. Sept. 5, '67, aged 64 yrs., hus. of Ann T. Cable.
Reuben Tucker, bu. Sept. 18, '67, aged 85 yrs., hus. of Kezia Tucker.
Alice B., dau. of Gilbert and Louisa Robinson, bu. Oct. 11, 1867,
aged 3 mos.
Marvin R. Sanford, d. Oct. 28, 1867, aged 67 yrs.
David T. Meiggs, d. Nov. 2, 1867, aged 18 days.
Prudence Sperry, d. Nov. 22, 1867, aged 86 yrs.
Ralph Lewis, d. Jan. 27, 1868, aged 73 yrs.
John Smith, d. Mar. 24, 1868, aged 77 yrs.
Sarah Nichols, d. April 20, 1868, aged 71 yrs.
Edd, son of Peter and Susan L. Ward, d. July 4, 1868, aged 30 yrs.

Hannah Buckingham, d. Sept. 5, 1868, aged 93 years.

Josephus Hall, d. Sept. 26, 1868, aged 87 yrs.

David R. Lum, d. Nov. 4, 1868, aged 53 yrs., hus. of Mary B. Lum.

William L. Pardee, d. Nov. 22, 1868, aged 47 years, husband of Sarah E. Pardee.

Loraine, wife of Victory Lounsbury, d. Nov. 25, 1868, aged 73 yrs.

Lucy M. Candee, bu. Jan. 27, 1869, aged 73 yrs., widow of Samuel Candee.

Betsey M., wife of Clark Botstord, d. Feb. 6, 1869, aged 72 yrs.

Albert H., son of Albert B. and Louisa Towner, bu. Feb. 26, 1869, aged 7 mos.

Enos Chatfield, d. June 5, 1869, aged 73 years, widower of Rosey Chatfield.

Patty Seeley, d. Aug. 9, 1869, aged 92 yrs.

Maretia C., dau. of Theodore Wheeler, d. Oct. 9, 1869, aged 5 wks.

David H., son of Louisa A. Candee, d. Oct. 16, 1869, aged 23 yrs.

Moody M. Brown, bu. Dec. 26, 1869.

Nancy M., dau. of Nehemiah and Nancy Andrews, d. Dec. 26, 1869, aged 6 yrs., 10 mos.

George A. Fairchild, d. Dec. 31, 1869, aged 31 yrs.

Charles, son of William Coney, d. Feb. 6, 1870, aged 10 yrs.

Charley, son of Peter and Susan L. Ward, d. Feb. 6, '70, a. 19 yrs.

John H. Fairchild, d. Feb. 22, 1870, aged 37 yrs. and 10 mos., husband of Sarah Elizabeth.

Sarah J., wife of Glover W. Cable, d. April 29, 1870, aged 20 yrs., 7 mos.

Isaac B., son of W. Hart and Frances J. Davis, d. May 22, 1870, aged 6 yrs.

Eliza Beers, d. May 30, 1870, aged 64 years.

Maria, wife of Ely Allen, d. June 1, 1870, aged 72 yrs.

Martha, wife of Theodore Wheeler, d. 1869.

Lizzie M., dau. of Edwin B. and Laura Allen, d. June 10, 1870, aged 3 yrs., 3 mos.

Delia E., wife of Hanford Fairchild, d. June 14, 1870, aged 69 yrs., 8 mos.

Virtia E., wife of Stiles L. Smith, d. July 21, 1870, aged 29 yrs., 9 mos.

Albert A. son of Dr. T. A. B. J. Dutton, d. Aug. 22, '70, a. 42 yrs.

Hiram Osborn, d. Sept. 13, 1870, aged 85 years.

Mary J., wife of David Hawley, d. Jan. 16, 1871, aged 31 years.



Lewis Davis, d. Feb. 11, 1871, aged 68 yrs., hus. of Lucinda Davies.

John J. Jones, d. Feb. 21, 1871, aged 59 years.

Harmond A. Beers, d. March 3, 1871, aged 33 yrs., husband of Nancy E. Beers.

Keziah Tucker, d. March 29, 1871, aged 86 years, widow of Reuben Tucker.

Andrew S. Graham, d. April 3, 1871, aged 85 years.

Elsie, wife of Wheeler Judson, d. April 28, 1871, aged 62 years.

Henry Lane, d. May 21, 1871, aged 4 yrs., 5 mos.

Joel Osborn, d. May 25, '71, a. 50 yrs., hus. of Catherine T. Osborn.

Stiles Fairchild, d. June 4, 1871, aged 66 yrs., husband of Mary Ann Fairchild.

John Beecher, d. July 14, 1871, aged 62 yrs., husband of Jane Beecher.

Ransom Hudson, d. July 19, 1871, aged 62 years., husband of Maria Hudson.

Franklin J., son of Noah J. and Laura E. Welton, d. Dec. 8, 1871, aged 4 yrs. 7 mos.

Charles B., son of Noah J. and Laura E. Welton, d. Dec. 13, 1871, aged 3 yrs. 9 mos.

Kate E., wife of F. Andrews, bu. March 5, 1872, aged 20 yrs.

Charles A. Candee, bu. Mar. 10, 1872, aged 49 yrs., husband of Amanda Candee.

Frances J., wife of William H. Davis, d. May 16, 1872, aged 35 yrs.

Samuel Riggs, d. June 17, 1872, aged 53 yrs., husband of Jeannette Riggs.

Philo Bassett, d. July 11, 1872, aged 76 yrs.

Hannah Tuttle, d. July 29, 1872, aged 60 yrs.

Harry Low, d. Oct. 6, 1872, aged 100 yrs.

John R. Davis, d. Oct. 18, 1872, aged 58 yrs., husband of Sarah J. Davis.

Clark Botsford, d. May 5, 1873, aged 75 yrs.

Jennie Wheeler, d. July 29, 1873, aged 14 mos.

George N. Candee, d. June 18, 1874, aged 63 yrs.

Samuel L. Downs, d. Aug. 28, 1874, aged 69 years.

Sybil Skeeles, bu. Jan. 31, 1875, aged nearly 100 years.

- Lois Perry, d. March 15, 1875, aged 84 years 5½ mos.

Frances E., wife of Truman Hurd, d. April 12, 1875, aged 34 yrs. 5 m.

Lucy A., wife of Frederick C. Candee, d. June 13, 1875, a 18 y. 11 m.

Catherine S., widow of Joel Osborn, d. Feb. 2, 1875, aged 52 yrs.

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Huldy C., wife of Chauncey M. Hatch, d. Mch. 30, 1876, aged 83 y.

Julia Fairchild, d. 1876, dau. of Chauncey M. Hatch.

Harry Sutton, bu. Aug. 22, 1876, aged 67 yrs., husband of Mary Sutton.

Betsey M. Osborn, d. Oct. 21, 1876, aged 19 yrs. 6 mos., dau. of Joel and Catherine Osborn.

Elisha Wheeler, d. Jan. 1st, 1877, aged 61 yrs, (husband of Eliza Wheeler.)

Jane, wife of John Beecher, d. Jan. 9, 1877, aged 66 yrs.

Jane E., wife of Everette Hubbell, d. Jan. 13, 1877, aged 66 yrs.

Ruth A., wife of Thomas Wooster, d. Jan. 30, 1877, aged 67 yrs.

Idella M., wife of Charles W. Robinson, d. Aug. 9, 1876, aged 23 yrs. 3 mos.

Sarah M., widow of Smith Washband, d. June 4, 1877, aged 79 yrs. 7 mos.

Orlando J., son of Orlando C. and Idella J. Osborn, d. June 21, 1878, aged 1 yr. 4 mos.

Hattie T., wife of Henry E. Castle, d. Sept. 10, 1878, aged 29 yrs. 6 mos.

Clifford W., son of Lewis W. and Ruthella Robinson, bu. Nov. 28, 1878, aged 6 yrs. 5 mos.

Sarah M., wife of Washington Benham, d. Feb. 22, 1879, aged 49 yrs. 5 mos.

David Oatman, bu. May 31, 1879, aged 82 yrs.

Charles, son of Edward W. and Jennie Chatfield, bu. July 27, 1879, aged 20 days.

William, son of Albion A. and Minnie Hall, bu. Aug. 27, 1879, a. 2 m.

Laura E., wife of N. J. Welton, d. Sept. 15, 1879, aged 36 yrs.

Mary E. Judd, d. May 26, 1880, aged 68 yrs., widow of A. L. Judd.

Sarah J. Davis, d. July 9, 1880, widow of John R. Davis.

Trueworthy Munger, d. Aug. 9, 1880.

Susan L., wife of Peter Ward, d. Jan. 12, 1881.

Howard C., son of E. H. and Louise Pardee, d. July 30, 1881, a. 5 d.

William Bailey, d. Jan. 3, 1882.

Jennie Hotchkiss, d. July 12, 1882.

Mary A., widow of Harry Sutton, bu. July 21, 1886.

Mary Tappan, d. Jan. 27, 1886, aged 94 yrs.

Elsie, daughter of Nelson Williams, d. March 28, 1886, aged 45 yrs.

Orinda Oatman, d. April 25, 1886, aged 61 yrs.

William Butler, d. April 16, 1886, aged 68 yrs.



HILLSIDE CEMETERY, QUAKER FARMS.

INSCRIPTIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE PUBLISHED IN 1885.

In memory of John Bassett. He died May 8th, 1804, Aet 83.

Naomi, his first wife, died May 17, 1772, Aet 50.

Sarah, his second wife, died May 3d, 1804, Aet 72.

John Bassett. Died May 14, 1832; aged 74 yrs.

Anna, wife of Truman Bunnell, died June 21, 1832, Aet 66 yrs.

Sterne Candee. 1828-1905.

Roxy Candee. Died Nov. 17, 1858, aged 22 ys. & 8 mo.

We loved her, yes, no tongue can tell
 How much we loved her & how well;
 God loved her, too, & he thought best
 To take her home to be at rest.

Horace Candee. Died April 12, 1860, aged 73.

Caroline, wife of Horace Candee. Died Sept. 26, 1851, aged 55.

Dearest mother thou hast left us
 Here thy love we deeply feel,
 But 'tis God that has bereft us,
 He can all our sorrow heal.

An infant son of Horace & Caroline Candee.

Isaac Chatfield, died Sept. 25, 1837, aged 82.

Sarah, wife of Isaac Chatfield, died Nov. 27, 1827, aged 66.

Truman, son of Isaac & Sarah Chatfield, died Feb. 20, 1833.

David K. Chatfield, died Sept. 15, 1853, aged 70.

Mary, wife of David K. Chatfield, died Feb. 21, 1869, aged 67.

In memory of John Chatfield, who died June 28, 1837, aged 85 years.

Also his wife, Mary Chatfield, who died Jan. 21st, 1827, aged 69 years.

Oh! we have watched their parting breath
 And closed their weary eyes,
 And sighed to see how sadly death
 Can sever human ties.

In memory of Sheldon Chatfield, who departed this life July 12th, 1808, in the 23d year of his age.

In memory of Lyman, son of John & Mary Chatfield, who died Sept. 29, 1805, aged 11 years.

Betsey, wife of Agur Curtiss, died Feb. 12, 1867, aged 79.

Almighty God 'tis right, 'tis just,
 That mortal frame should turn to dust,
 But oh forgive the wilful tear
 That would retain her spirit here.

Sarah R. Curtiss; died April 16, 1859, aged 43.

John R. Curtiss, died Nov. 4, 1852, aged 31.

Meet me in heaven.



Betsey Maria, only child of William & Laura M. Griffin. died June 25, 1860, aged 16 yrs., 10 mo. & 15 d's.

Sweet is the scene when Christians die,
When holy souls retire to rest:
How mildly beams the closing eye.
How gently heaves the expiring breast

Alfred Harger, died Oct. 2, 1887, aged 83.

Sarah S., his wife, died Mar. 25, 1888, aged 72.

Safe within the Fold.

Lewis, son of Alfred & Sarah Harger, died Jan. 3, 1837, aged 8 mos.

Burton Harger, died Dec. 16, 1861, aged 25 years.

In memory of Elijah Hawkins, who died Feb. 23d, 1809, aged 61.

Anna, his first wife, died Dec. 2d, 1794, aged 45.

S. H.	M. H.	Z. H.	R. H.
1771	1774	1806	1786.

By this stone are deposited the remains of Capt. Zachariah Hawkins, a worthy and respectable member of society, who in the 90th year of his age died in faith and hope, June 27th, MD CCCVI. He had 14 children who all survived him, 82 grandchildren & 95 great-grandchildren.

Sarah his first wife is buried in Derby, by whom he had Sarah & Mercy.

Mary his 2d wife is buried 12 feet on the left of this stone, by whom he had Mary, John, Elizabeth, Elijah, Anna, Gaylord, Ruth, Silas, Joseph, Moses & Isaac.

Rachel his 3d wife lies close by this on the left, by whom he had Zachariah.

Lydia his relict and his sons erect this monument, their tribute of gratitude, love and honor.

Silas Hawkins, Jr., Died July 3, 1890, Aged 64 yrs. & 8 mo.

Sarah M. Loveland wife of Silas Hawkins, Sr., Died Jan. 3, 1888. Aged 86.

Eri Hawkins, son of Silas & Sarah Hawkins, died Jan. 29, 1812, in the 17 year.

Asa Hawkins. Died Dec. 9, 1868, aged 72.

In memory of Wm., son of Asa & Hannah Hawkins, who died Oct. 22, 1825, A 15 mo's.

Hannah, wife of Asa Hawkins, died Feb. 12, 1885, aged 86.

Royal J., son of Samuel & Celestia Hawkins, died Jan. 14, 1880, A 4 mo & 19 D's.



Phebe A., child of Lewis & Mary G. Hawkins, died Aug. 3, 1869.

Æ 4 yrs & 8 mo's.

He shall gather the lambs in His arms and carry them in His bosom.

Charles Nathan, son of Charles and Louisa Hawkins, died July 7, 1863, Æ 6 years.

We miss thee.

Sarah Minerva, daughter of Charles & Louisa Hawkins, died July 18, 1863, aged 10 yr's & 6 mo.

Not dead but sleepeth.

Mary Louisa, daughter of Charles and Louisa Hawkins, died May 19, 1875, aged 20 yrs.

Cynthia, daughter of Isaac and Sally Hinman, died Aug. 22, 1823, aged 12 years & 7 months.

Here lies the body of Philo Hinman, who died April 25, 1837, aged 86, and of Mary, his wife, who died Jan. 4, 1835, aged 78.

Sherman Hinman, died May 20, 1876, aged 32.

When the spirit from the flesh is freed

And hastens home to return.

Mortals cry—A man is dead—

Angels sing a child is born.

In memoriam. Jennie J., daughter of L. A. and E. J. Hotchkiss, died July 12, 1882, Aged 28 y'rs.

Sweet be thy rest.

Martha M., wife of Samuel Hubbell, died Feb. 2, 1880, Æ 48 yrs.

Phebe L., her daughter, died Sept. 23, 1879. Aged 8 years.

Mary, wife of Abijah Hyde, died Oct. 8, 1861. Æ 69.

Sarah H., daughter of Abijah and Mary Hyde, died June 22, 1837.

Æ 9 mo.

Sally, wife of Abijah Hyde, died July 24, 1834. Æ 42.

Abijah Hyde died Nov. 7, 1864. Æ 72.

Lucius C. Hyde died June 20, 1824. Æ 21.

In memory of Mrs. Eunice, wife of Julius Kimberly, who died Dec. 19, 1826. Æ 36.

Lucy, wife of Julius Kimberly, died Feb. 24, 1876. Aged 75 years.

Albert A., son of Julius & Lucy Kimberly, died at Baton Rouge Dec. 1863. Aged 35 yrs & 3 mo's.

Isaac Nichols, died Aug. 1, 1862. Aged 53 y'rs.

Russell Nichols, died June 24, 1849. Aged 73.

Nabby, wife of Russell Nichols, died Dec. 13, 1862. Aged 84 y'rs.

In memory of Riggs Nichols who died May 17, 1844. In the 44 year of his age.

Jane Caroline, daughter of Riggs & Sally Nichols, died July 30, 1835, aged 8 years.



Prudence, wife of James Pangman,. Died Nov. 8, 1807. Aged 74.

Comfort, his second wife, died Nov. 3, 1798. Aged 42 years.

Gideon Perry, died July 19, 1814, aged 82 years.

Hannah, his first wife, died May 13, 1788, aged 38 years.

In memory of Elizabeth Perkins, wife of Daniel Perkins, who died
Aug. 4, 1793, aged 38 years.

The dead no more can speak thy praise;
They dwell in silence and the grave.
But we shall live to sing thy grace,
And tell the world thy power to save.

Elizabeth Scoville, 1897-1899.

Jane Sharpe, aged 46.

Henry, son of Burrett and Sarah Skeels, died April 20, 1835, aged
1 year and 6 months.

Sweet innocence and love
Is not confined in dust.
My little soul is called above
To join the angelick host.

Ira Skeels, died Dec. 22, 1888, aged 70 years.

Almira, his wife, died Sept. 4, 1884, aged 63 years.

In memory of Sally, wife of Arad Skeels, who died Sept. 29th,
1810, aged 33.

In memory of Arad Skeels, who died July 21, 1855, aged 76 years.

Charlie J., son of G. C. and Elizabeth O. Sperry. Died Sept. 7,
1859, aged 4 ys.

God gathers His pure and innocent flower;
His life from earth was riven.
God plucked this little bud from earth
To open its leaves in Heaven

MONUMENT.

John Smith, died Mar. 23, 1868. Aged 77.

Grace, his wife, died Nov. 9, 1848. Aged 58.

Bennett, died in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 16, 1846, aged 24.

Laura, died May 7, 1850, aged 22.

Lucy, died July 25, 1884, aged 64.

Mrs. Lydia Thomas, an amiable woman. She was wife of Nathan
Taylor of Litchfield and Capt. Zachariah Hawkins of Oxford.
She died Aug. 4, 1820.

Florence A. Thrall, died Aug. 2, 1883. Aged 1 year & 2 mos.
Dau. of Curtis and Alice Thrall.

In memory of Silas Tomlinson, who died Nov. 15, 1829. Aged 53.
Also Polly, his wife, died Aug. 15, 1842. Aged 65.



Edmund B. Tomlinson, died in the hospital, Newbern, Nov. 2, 1862. Aged 20. He was a member of Co. A, 10th Reg. C. V., and served in the Battles of Roanoke and Newbern.

"We loved him. O! how dearly."

In memory of Juliette, wife of Burke Tomlinson, who died Oct. 7, 1853. Aged 42 yrs. and 7 mo.

In memory of Burke Tomlinson, who died Sept. 1842. Aged 35 yrs. & 6 mo.

Charity Wooster, born July 26, 1767; died Dec. 25, 1857. Æ 90 yrs.

Nathaniel Wooster, born Nov. 25, 1766; died Nov. 23, 1855. Æ 89 yrs.

Marcus Wooster, died July 2, 1839, aged 25.

Sarah Janè, daughter of Bennet and Sarah Wooster, died Sept. 13, 1831, aged 5 years.

In memory of Anna Maria Wooster, daughter of Nathaniel and Charity Wooster, who died Oct. 29, 1794, aged 11 mos.

In memory of Mr. Arthur Wooster, who died Aug. 6, 1796.

Sarah, his wife, died July 12, 1808, aged 48.

Frank P. Wooster, 1852—1895.

Henrietta A., his wife, 1856—

J. L. W.

Edith Marion. 1882—1895. Dau. of F. P. and H. A. Wooster.

The grave of Leverett Candee, son of Horace and Caroline Candee, who died Aug. 13, 1837, aged 13 yrs. and 10 mo.

Unknown to fortune, fame, or vice,
Delight of parents, brothers, sisters, all.
None doubt he's more happy thrice,
Than friends who mourn his untimely fall;
Yet who'd but lament the flight of one,
So young, so promising, so virtuous,
Scarcely reached his teens when called upon
To meet his God in realms of bliss.

Wales A. Hubbell, died May 16, 1866. Æ 23.

"Those who cherished and loved him
Now are left to weep and sigh;
Yet we have these words to cheer,
He was not afraid to die."

Jane E. Sperry, wife of Everett Hubbell, died Jan. 13, 1877. Æ 66.

"Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Leonard A. Hotchkiss, died Sept. 4, 1865. Æ 38.

Elizabeth J., his wife and only daughter of Everett and Jane E. Hubbell, died Sept. 30, 1863. Æ 32.

Sleep, sleep on dear friends,
Death can't us long divide;
A few more rolling suns
Will lay me by your side.



Sacred to the memory of Ruth Judson, died Sept. 11, 1839, Æ 64.

As a wife and parent she was kind, affectionate and exemplary and died
in hope of glorious immortality.

Sacred to the memory of Mr. Wells Judson, who departed this life
June 18, 1827, in the 73d year of his age.

A man of strict integrity, which will ever make his name revered by his friends.

A VISIT TO PLEASANT VALE.

By Miss Eliza Jane Stephens.

(The following very happy poetic description of what is known as "Pleasant Vale," extending from Zoar Bridge on the Houstatonic to the location of the Dawson Woolen factory, will be familiar to those who were acquainted with the place some years ago. It marks the changes of time in that locality very feelingly.)

And this is dear old Pleasant Vale,

Once so familiar to my sight,

Here is the fair extended view,

A youthful fancy's loved delight.

Again I hear the river's song,

And mark its rapid ceaseless flow,

And watch it shimmer in the sun,

As in the days of long ago.

This is the path I used to tread

At early morn and close of day,

'Tis worn as smooth and winds about

The same inexplicable way.

Here was the store where dainty sweets

Were placed in jars to tempt our gaze,

How covetous we soon become,

What spendthrifts too in childish ways.

That building has a brighter look,

And more of dainties in display,

But time has wrought its wonted change;

I pass without regret to day.

My road is near the mountain's base,

Huge rocks o'erhead 'twould seem might fall,

While mosses grew on every ledge,

And wild flowers bloom about them all.

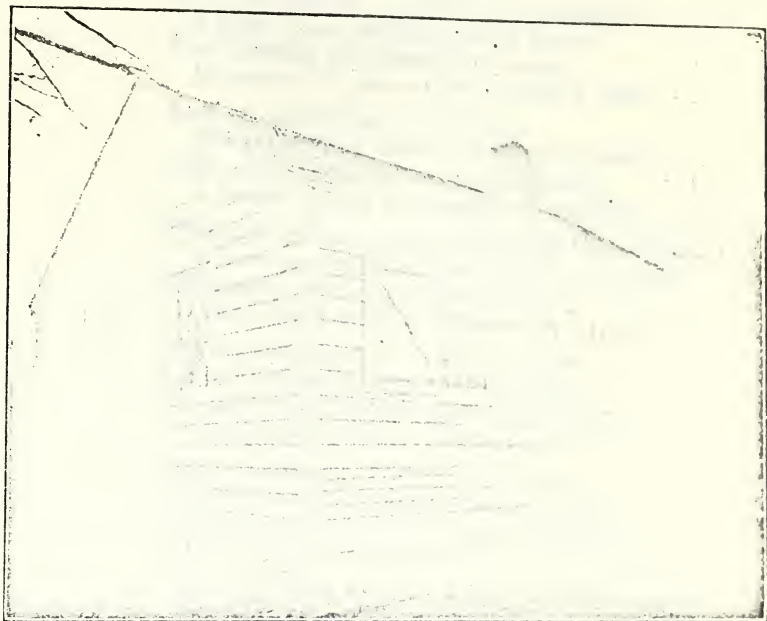
The blacksmith shop was just beyond,

Where truant ones were sure to tire;

They loved to watch the smithy's work

And linger round his cheerful fire.





THE PLEASANT VALE SCHOOLHOUSE.

There's nothing now to mark the spot,
 Except the weeds are ranker grown,
 And bits of coal are mingled with
 A shapeless mass of dirt and stone.

A little farther was a cot.
 With roses clustering round the door.
 The house is gone—its habitants
 Are dwelling on the brighter shore.

And now I reach the quaint old church,
 A long and well-remembered place.
 Time was when mid its worshippers
 I scarce beheld a stranger's face.

Again I stand upon the step,
 And look within the open door,
 How quickly memory pictures there
 The listening throng that met of yore.

The quiet graveyard is close by;
 Each stone bears some familiar name;
 And here and there an epitaph
 The sleeper's virtues yet proclaim.



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In childhood oft I sought this ground;
To me 'twas neither sad or drear,
For cheerily the blackbirds sang,
In groves of pines then growing near.
And on the hillside just below
We found fine ferns and berries sweet,
And made beneath the maple shade
A mimic house we thought complete.
The rude stone bridge still spans the stream,
Where youthful anglers tried their skill
Till many torn and brimless hats
Were proof they'd labored with a will.
Below the bridge a wealth of mint
And rushes tall and thrifty grew.
We gathered these at morn and noon,
Now happily other children do.
The schoolhouse is the very same
That memory long has held so dear,
For happier hours I ne'er have known
Than those that passed so quickly here.
Those youthful friends, where are they now?
I try to trace their worldly lot,
Though some have erred and some are dead,
Among them all there's none forgot.
The stern old scholar, too, who came
And questioned us in ancient lore
Has passed beyond our mortal ken
And wiser is than e'er before.
He had his faults—we'll pass them by—
His virtues our remembrance claim,
And now that we are growing gray,
Will ever kindly speak his name.
The factory's hum is heard no more,
For ruin there is all complete,
And nothing breaks the silence now
But babbling brooks and songsters sweet.
But this is still dear Pleasant Vale,
(A homely spot to some it seems),
But passing through it once again
Recalls for me life's brightest dreams.

From the Records of Christ Church, Quaker Farms.

A list of members and children, with sundry dates as far as given in the records.

Henry E. Bidwell, Julia A. Bidwell.

Adeline Booth, Frederick Booth.

John F. and Mary Ann Brush, m. 1841.

James Bradley, confirmed June 3, 1864.

Chester and Roxy Bunnell, m. Feb. 12, 1814.

George and Sarah Bunnell, m. Feb. 13, 1848.

William and Rebecca Butler, m. Mar. 1841.

Chas. Henry Butler, b. July 21, 1844.

Mary Butler b. Sept. —1850.

Inice Butler, b. Feb. —1854.

Samuel Candee, Lucy Ann Candee. (No dates given.)

Martha Candee, b. Nov. 7, 1836.

Horace Candee, m. 1816, d. Apr. 12, 1860, aged 73.

Sterne Candee, d. Mar. 1, 1905, buried 1st cemetery, Mar. 4, 1905.

Age 77. Residence, Westboro, Mass.

Mary Chatfield, m. July 15, 1822.

Wales Chatfield, b. Dec. 15, 1837.

Thirza Chatfield, m. Feb. 8, 1823.

Albert Chatfield.

Sarah Ann Chatfield, b. Mar. 16, 1843, bap. Dec. 6, 1863.

John Jarvis and Cornelius, ch. of Cornelius and Sarah B. Clark,
bap. Apr. 9, 1876.

Agur Curtis, Betsey Curtis, m. Feb. 4, 1815.

Wm. A. Curtis, b. Nov. 3, 1848.

Caroline E. Curtis, b. June 16, 1850.

Sarah M. Curtis, b. June 29, 1852.

Anson R. Davis and Mary Newton, m. May 8, 1845. He died

May 4, 1885. Children:

Mary Elvira, b. Dec. 15, 1846; bap. June 6, 1847.

Ellen Lucy, b. May 27, 1849; bap. July 14, 1850.



- Laura Booth, b. Nov. 24, 1850; bap. Sept. 21, 1851.
 Emma Eugenia, b. Aug. 11, 1854; bap. July 15, 1855.
 Charles Alling, b. June 13, 1858.
 Evaline Amelia, bap. Jan. 8, 1863.
 Estella Louisa, bap. Jan. 8, 1863.
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- Amy M. Downs, bap. 1818, m. June 14, 1820.
 Milo Edmunds, b. Dec. 22, 1818, and Lydia Maria Bunnell, b. June 7, 1825, m. Nov. 14, 1845.
 Mary R. Edmonds, b. Nov. 14, 1851.
 Chas. P. Edmonds, b. Sept. 19, 1854.
 Mary Ann, George, Elizabeth, Agnes, ch. of Benjamin English, bap. Sept. 19, 1847.
 George A. Flagg, b. Aug. 20, 1811, m. Jan. 21, 1835.
 Mariette C. Flagg, b. Mar. 15, 1812, m. Jan. 21, 1835.
 Francis J. Flagg, b. Mar. 5, 1836.
 Mary I. Flagg, b. Aug. 14, 1838.
 Clark B. Flagg, b. Jan. 21, 1841.
 George A. Flagg, b. Mar. 17, 1843.
 James A. Freeman, b. Dec. 8, 1852.
 Ira Lincoln, son of Chas. and Laura J. Hawkins, bap. Mar. 27, 1864.
 Charles Hawkins, b. Apr. 22, 1859, bap. 1859, } m. Dec. 17, 1848.
 Louisa J. Hawkins, bap. 1832, }
 Sarah Minerva Hawkins, b. Jan. 17, 1853, }
 Mary Louise Hawkins, b. Feb. 16, 1855, } bap. Apr. 22, 1859.
 Charles Nathan Hawkins, b. Aug. 5, 1859, }
 Grace Amelia, dau. of Chas. and Louisa Hawkins, b. Sept. 15, 1869.
 Silas Hawkins.
 Frederick Hawley.
 Mary E. Hendryx, b. Mar. 1831, m. Apr. 2, 1852.
 Frank Hendryx, b. Nov., 1853.
 Oscar Hendryx, b. June, 1858.
 Frank Riggs, son of Harry and Mary E. Hendryx, b. Nov. 16, 1853, bap. Apr. 9, 1865.
 Oscar Eugene, son of Harry and Mary E. Hendryx, b. June 12, 1858, bap. Apr. 9, 1865.
 Lucy Hendryx.
 Jenette Hine, b. Jan. 29, 1805, m. Dec. 15, 1822.
 Sherman S. Hine, b. Aug. 1829, and Mary H. Hine, b. June, 1836, m. Nov. 20, 1855.
 Preston Hinman.



- Silas Everette, a. 7 yrs., George Wales, a. 21 mo., ch. of John P. and Celestia Hubbell, bap. Aug. 4, 1869.
- John C. Hull and Julia Sherman, m. Jan. 18, 1858.
- John and Ann M. Hull, m. Jan. 28, 1844.
- Augusta Hull, b. Nov. 11, 1844.
- Albert Hull, b. Apr. 23, 1846.
- John Cyrus Hull, b. Oct. 30, 1851.
- Lottie Jay Hull, b. Apr. 22, 1859.
- Alice Naurudan, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus E. Hyde, bap. Apr. 11, 1869.
- Mary Augusta Hyde, b. July 13, 1871.
- Ira Hyde, m. Jan. 1, 1821.
- Marcus E. Hyde.
- Ann J. Jackson, Sept. 9, 1837.
- Samuel A. Jackson, b. July 31, 1840, d. July 22, 1859.
- Leonora Jackson, b. Feb. 16, 1841.
- Carlos Jackson, b. Aug. 30, 1844.
- Isabella Jackson, b. Nov. 30, 1846.
- Adin and Mabel Johnson, m. Nov. 23, 1803.
- Albert A. and Abigail Kimberly, m. Mar. 23, 1850.
- Edwin E. and Maria T. Lewis, Mar. 23, 1815. She d. Jand. 10, 1868, a. 78.
- Edwin E. Lewis, 2d, d. May 28, 1880, aged 89.
- Sheldon Clark, son of Clark B. and Nancy Cornelia Lines, bap. Oct. 3, 1850.
- Sylvia E. Low, m. Mar. —.
- Jane C. Lum, b. Apr. 14, 1818, m. Sept. 13, 1840, d. Oct. 25, 1892.
- Joseph Davis and Ellen, ch. of John Lum, bap. Sept. 19, 1847.
- Stephen S. and Flora M. Mallett, bap. Oct. 1833, m. May 13, 1843.
- David T. Meigs, b. Feb. 21, 1821.
- Mary Lorena, dau. of Charles and Bernice Meigs, bap. July 30, 1870.
- Charles Edward, son of Charles and Bernice Meigs, b. June 1, 1872.
- Sally Nichols, m. Sept. 1826.
- Harriet O. Nichols, b. Apr. 1838.
- Benjamin and Minerva Nichols, m. Mar. 24, 1839.
- Arthur Russell, son of Benjamin and Minerva Nichols, bap. Mar. 3, 1849.
- Nancy E. Nichols, b. June 12, 1843.
- Nabbie Nichols, m. about 1850, d. Dec. 13, 1862.
- Sally Nichols, m. Sept. 1826.



- Harriet O. Nichols, b. Apr. 1838.
Benjamin Nichols, m. Mar. 24, 1839.
Minerva Nichols, m. Mar. 24, 1839.
Nancy E. Nichols, b. June 12, 1843.
Nabbie Nichols, m. about 1800, d. Dec. 13, 1862.
Arthur Russell, son of Benj. Nichols, bap. Mar. 3, 1849.
Elisha Oatman, b. Mar. 16, 1774, m. 1st, 1794; 2d, about 1837.
Damaris Oatman, b. Mar. 25, 1772, m. about 1837.
David and Olive Oatman, m. Apr. 1816.
Horace and Polly Oatman, m. Oct. 6, 18— She died July 10, 1884.
Charles R. and Orinda Oatman, m. Jan. 1, 1850.
Lillie E. Oatman, b. May 29, 1854.
George B. and Frances Oatman, m. Nov. 25, 1851.
Edward L. Oatman, b. July 4, 1853.
William J. Oatman, b. Feb. 1857.
Mary N. Parish, bap. Nov. 22, 1868.
Harmon A. and Emma J. Perry, m. Nov. 23, 1835.
Horace B. Perry, b. Nov. 10, 1841.
Henry A. Perry, b. Nov. 10, 1841.
Frederick A. Perry, b. Sept. 10, 1844.
Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of Mrs. James Radcliffe, bap. Apr. 22, 1859.
Cornelius Clark Rider, and his wife Sarah Bostwick, July 14, 1867.
William Tomlinson, a. 9 yrs, Lillian Orinda, a. 5 yrs, Ralph Wheeler, a. 3 yrs, Bennett Hurd, a. 1 yr, ch. of Cornelius C. and Sarah Rider, bap. July 21, 1867.
Martha Elizabeth, dau. of C. C. and Sarah (Bostwick) Rider, bap. May 9, 1869.
John F. and Phebe Ritchie, m. Dec. 3, 1846; children:
Chas. H. Ritchie, b. Mar. 19, 1847.
Sarah Ann Ritchie, b. Oct. 2, 1848.
Phebe Elizabeth Ritchie, b. May 2, 1850.
Alice A. Ritchie, b. May 5, 1852.
Emeline Ritchie, b. Feb. 2, 1854.
Washington Franklin Ritchie, b. Dec. 13, 1856.
Harriet Sanford, m. Dec. 8, 1825.
George P. Sanford.
S. P. Sanford.
Marvin R. Sanford.
Harriet E. Sanford.
Henrietta E. Sanford.



Grace Hyde, dau. of Rev. D. P. Sanford, bap. May 17, 1848.

Sybil Skeeles.

Cornelia Ann Skidmore, Aug. 14, 1870.

John Smith, m. Feb. 29, 1815.

Mary Ann, dau. of John Smith, bap. Oct. 5, 1848.

Lucy Smith.

George Smith.

Laura Cornelia, Lucy Esther, ch. of Ephraim Smith, bap. Sept. 19, 1847.

Geo. C. Tomlinson and Delia Skeeles, m. Oct. 18, 1835.

Geo. A. Tomlinson, m. 1st, 1830; 2d, Ellen ———, 1842. He d. Dec. 9, 1860.

Geo. A. Tomlinson, (2d) b. Jan. 17, 1832.

Maria Antoinette Tomlinson, b. Mar. 7, 1838.

Eliza Tomlinson, b. Feb. 28, 1843.

Jane Caroline Tomlinson, b. Mar. 6, 1843.

Nancie E. Tomlinson, b. June 12, 1843.

Charles Augustus Tomlinson, m. Eliza ———, Oct. 15, 1843.

Willard Earl Tomlinson, b. Sept. 15, 1845; bap. Aug. 11, 1850.

Phebe Augusta Tomlinson, b. Apr. 22, 1859.

Wm. R. Tomlinson and Hannah ———, m. Mar. 27, 1841.

Henrietta Tomlinson, bap. May 22, 1864.

Harriet A. Tomlinson, bap. May 22, 1864.

Phebe A. Tomlinson, bap. Apr. 22, 1859.

Ellen Tomlinson, bap. May 22, 1864.

Hannah Tomlinson, b. Dec. 14, 1807, bap. May 22, 1864.

Henrietta Tomlinson, b. Feb. 18, 1836, bap. May 22, 1864.

Harriet Abzora Tomlinson, b. July 5, 1837, bap. May 22, 1864.

Ellen Tomlinson, b. ———, bap. May 22, 1864.

Caroline Ellen, and Bennett Albert, ch. of Robert Treat, bap. Sept. 19, 1847.

Mr. Albert Treat.

Mrs. Albert Treat.

Roswell Waters and Harriette ———, m. July, 1817. She died Nov. 24, 1863.

Theodore Frelinghuysen, son of Erastus and Lydia Augustus Wheeler, b. Aug. 10, 1840; bap. Dec. 10, 1845.

Philo Wooster and Sally ———, m. May 18, 1806.

Adam Dietz Wooster.

Mark Wooster, bap. Feb. 27, 1824.

Daniel Wooster, m. —, Caroline —, 1835.

John Wooster.

Mary A. Wooster, m. Sept. 9, 1860.

Charles Wooster, bap. Sept. 24, 1851.

Harriett Wooster, b. Jan. 7, 1847, bap. May 22, 1864.

Frances Maria, dau. of Thos. N. Wooster, bap. Sept. 19, 1847.

MARRIAGES.

Oct. 7, 1845, Frederick A. Candee and Louisa A. Hotchkiss, both of Oxford.

Nov. 19, 1845, Milo Edmonds and Lydia Maria Bunnell.

Apr. 9, 1846, Alson Hendryx and Mrs. Lucy Kimberly, both of Oxford.

Oct. 11, 1847, Charles L. Dick of Newtown and Sarah E. Meigs of Oxford.

Jan. 24, 1848, Enos Benham of Woodbury and Betsy Ann Waters of Oxford.

Feb. 13, 1848, George Bunnell and Sarah A. Tomlinson, both of Oxford.

June 27, 1848, Wm. Pendleton of Westville and Ruth Ann Candee of Oxford.

Oct. 18, 1848, Wm. J. Dick of Newtown and Caroline Candee of Oxford.

July 21, 1850, Edwin Tomlinson of Seymour and Charlotte R., dau. of Ira Hyde, of Oxford.

Feb. 2, 1851, William Church of Oxford and Mary A., dau. of Daniel L. Holbrook, of Seymour.

Mar. 23, 1851, Albert, son of Julius Kimberly, and Abigail Taylor, both of Oxford.

Apr. 14, 1851, Russell Waters of Oxford and Mary Ann Cassida of Plymouth.

July 20, 1851, John Roberts of Southbury and Orry Wheeler of Derby.

Oct. 31, 1851, Oliver Downs and Julia A. Bissell, both of Oxford.

Mar. 7, 1852, Francis James Lewis of Newtown and Nancy Aurelia Williams of Prospect.

Mar. 14, 1852, Nicholas D. Hinman of Oxford and Susan A. Peck of Birmingham.

Jan. 3, 1853, John Smith, 2nd, and Sarah Lucinda Treat, both of Oxford.



- Feb. 6, 1853, Richard H. Dorson and Elizabeth Bryan, both of Oxford.
- Mar. 7, 1853, Philander Sharp and Almina Lewis, both of Monroe.
- June 17, 1853, Leonard Hotchkiss and Elizabeth Hubbell, both of Oxford.
- May 7, 1854, Isaac Riley Cornwall of Milford and Eunice Abigail Brockett of North Haven.

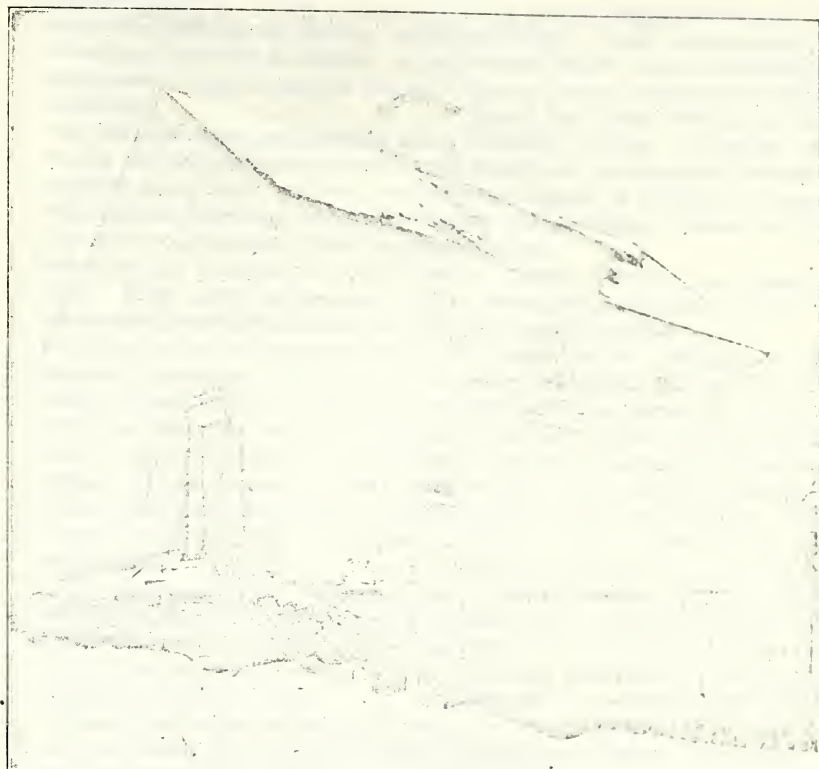
BURIALS.

- Silas Beach, d. Oct. 12, 1853, a. 77.
- Mrs. Ruth, wife of Silas Beach, d. Dec. 11, 1851, a. 73.
- Clark French, son of Clark Beach and Jane Maria Downs, of Wolcottville, d. Oct. 10, 1853, a. 10 wks.
- Mary, widow of Clark Beardsley, d. Feb. 4, 1853, a. 72.
- Sheldon Beebe, d. April 26, 1852, a. 58.
- Henrietta Martha, dau. of Sheldon and Lydia Beebe, d. Aug. 16, 1851, a. 3 yrs., 5 mo.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Beecher, d. Oct. 25, 1851, a. 73.
- Mary D., wife of Henry Bidwell, d. Oct. 8, 1852, a. 47.
- Mrs. Henrietta Botsford, wife of Hiel Botsford and dau. of David Oatman, d. May 21, 1850, a. 26.
- Esther Cornelia, dau. of William E. and Anna M. Booth, d. Nov. 13, 1854, a. 16 yrs, 2 mo. 26 da.
- Chester Bunnell, bu. Sept. 15, 1862, a. 62.
- Truman Bunnell, d. May 1, 1848, a. 78.
- Mrs. Caroline, wife of Horace Candee, d. Sept. 28, 1851, a. 64.
- Roxy, wife of John Candee, bu. Nov. 20, 1858, a. 22.
- John F., son of Frederick H. and Priscilla Chatfield, d. Oct. 3, 1851, a. 4 mo.
- David Kiny Chatfield, d. Sept. 15, 1853, a. 70.
- Mrs. Mamie, wife of——Chatfield, d. Jan. 30, 1855, a. 67.
- John R., son of Agur Curtiss, d. in New Haven, Nov. 6, 1852, a. 30.
- Sarah H., dau. of Agur and Betsey Curtiss, bu. Apr. 17, 1859, a. 42.
- Sarah Jane, dau. of Nichols and Nancy French, d. June 6, 1851, a. 3 yrs, 7 mo.
- Ira Hawkins, d. Jan. 8, 1853, a. 62.
- Sally, wife of Ira Hawkins, d. Oct. 8, 1852, a. 58.
- Alson Hendryx, d. Aug. 23, 1854, a. 62.
- Mrs. Cynthia Hendryx, wife of Alson Hendryx, d. Nov. 6, 1845.
- Mrs. Jennette Hotchkiss, d. Apr. 13, 1847, a. 43.



- Lucretia, wife of Henry Hinman, d. Sept. 24, 1855, a. 57.
———, son of John Hull, d. Feb. 28, 1849, a. 9 mo.
Nancy Cornelia, wife of Clark Lines, d. Nov. 12, 1850, a. 22.
Samuel Meigs, d. Apr. 10, 1855.
William Henry, son of Samuel and Hannah Meigs, d. Aug. 25,
1850, a. 14.
Whiting Mitchell, d. Dec. 24, 1845, a. 78.
Nabbie Nichols, bu. Dec. 15, 1862, a. 83.
Arthur Russell, son of Benjamin and Minerva Nichols, d. Sept. 11,
1851, a. 4 yrs, 9 mo.
Lillie E. Oatman, bu. Feb. 12, 1862, a. 8.
Arad Skeeles, d. July 23, 1855, a. 78.
Lucy Smith, relict of John Smith, d. Mar. 26, 1853, a. 92.
Laura, dau. of John Smith, d. May 10, 1850.
Grace Smith, d. Nov. 10, 1848.
Juliet, relict of Burke Tomlinson, d. in Birmingham, Oct. 9, 1853,
a. 43.
David W., son of George A. Tomlinson, d. Apr. 30, 1854, a. 19.
Mrs. Amaritta, widow of James Wakely, in Huntington, d. Oct. 4,
1850, a. 92.
Curtiss Waters, d. Dec. 28, 1851, a. 69.
Harriet Waters, widow of Roswell, bu. Nov. 26, 1863, a. 64.
Inona Sophia Wildman, d. Dec. 10, 1845, a. 13.
Caroline, wife of Daniel Wooster, d. Oct. 1851, a. 44.
Nathaniel Wooster, d. Nov. 23, 1855, a. 91.





THE CHRISTOPHER SMITH HOMESTEAD.

THE CHRISTOPHER SMITH FAMILY.

Christopher Smith was born in England in 1734 and with his two brothers came to Connecticut in 1754. He married the widow Abigail (Harger) Chatfield and built a home about 1759 in what is now the southwesterly part of Oxford, then a part of the town of Derby, east of the Great Hill school house. The house was large, with the conveniences common at that period, a stone chimney with a huge fireplace which served alike for heat and cooking, kettles being hung on an iron crane which swung in and out of the fireplace.

This fireplace, with the brick oven, occupied the whole side of the kitchen; the oven requiring a specially prepared wood for the weekly heating for the baking, the ashes being saved for lye for soap making, and for fertilizer.

In the basement kitchen, was a large furnace kettle set in masonry where the soft soap was made, food for hogs was sometimes cooked, and sometimes maple sugar was made in it by boiling down the sap of the sugar maple. Near this was the chimney closet, or smoke room, where the hams, bacon and dried



beef were smoked, the latter often drying on the hooks in the kitchen ceiling in company with the pie timber, strings of apples and rings of pumpkin festooned therefrom.

In the attic was a hand loom on which woolen and linen cloths were woven, the woollens being from the wool of sheep raised on the farm, and the linen from flax grown there and hatched, bleached and spun by members of the household. From this homemade linen were made articles of bed and table wear, as well as underclothing and the finest of the men's garments. From the woollens slowly woven on this big loom in the attic were made the men's and women's outer garments, blankets and winter sheets. Linsey woolsey, a mixed cloth of linen and wool, for women's common dresses and aprons, was also woven on the old loom.

The family attended services in the old Great Hill Presbyterian church situated on top of the hill where some of the old stone cellar may be seen today near the Davis place.

Christopher Smith served in Col. Lattimer's regiment, which went to reinforce Gen. Gates at Saratoga in August, 1777, and was assigned to Col. Poor's Continental Brigade in Arnold's Division, and fought in both battles Sept. 19 and Oct. 9. In the first battle this and one other Connecticut regiment lost more than any other two regiments in the field. Upon their dismissal after the surrender of Burgoyne, Gates spoke of them as "two excellent militia regiments from Connecticut."

The children of Christopher and Abigail Smith were Lucy, Abigail, Hannah and John.

Lucy Smith, daughter of Christopher and Abigail, married Jeremiah Shelton, of White Hills. Their children were Gloriana, Eliza, Horace and Smith. Gloriana Shelton became the second wife of James Smith, son of Abraham,

who was the head of another old family of Derby. James' grandmother, Sarah French Smith, was a granddaughter of one of the first Episcopal clergymen of Derby, Rev. John Bowers, graduate of Harvard college. Gloriana Shelton Smith had one daughter, Maryett, who was organist of St. James' church, Derby, for a number of years, and died unmarried.

Abraham Smith was great great grandfather to Marietta, wife of Edgar H., son of John 2nd.

Abigail Smith, daughter of Christopher and Abigail, married David Perkins and settled on the north corner of the farm, near a road which bore the name Perplane, from the Rockhouse Hill road to Moose Hill, which has been closed to public travel for the past thirtyfive years. Their children were Harriet, Sarah, Lucinda, Laura, and Hannah.

Hannah Smith, daughter of Christopher and Abigail, married William Waters. Their children were Hannah, William and Susan. Hannah Waters married ——— Tucker, uncle to Reuben Tucker of Ansonia, in the Waters homestead, and lived at the west corner of the Smith farm on the Rock-house Hill road, which later became the property of Ephraim, son of John Smith first, thence descending to Ephraim's daughter Cornelia, wife of Morrell Francis, who with their son and his family now reside there.

John Smith, 1st, son of Christopher and Abigail, b. July, 1776, married Anna Fenton, of White Hills, and settled in the homestead and had a family of ten, two dying in childhood. He died in 1858, aged 82. She died June 6, 1858. Children:

Nancy, b. 1799; d. Oct. 5, 1858.

Christopher, b. 1802; d. May 7, 1866.

Stephen, b. 1804.

Laura, died in infancy.

Ephraim, b. 1806.

Lucy, b. 1808, d. aged 2 years.

Grant, b. 1810.



Sheldon, b. 1812.

John, b. 1815, d. June 8, 1890.

Laura, 2nd, b. in 1816; d. in 1827.

Nancy, daughter of John 1st and Anna Fanton Smith, died unmarried. She was a tailoress by trade and carried on business in what is now Seymour, then Humphreysville.

Christopher, 2d, eldest son of John and Anna, married Lucinda Bunnell and settled on the estate. One son, George William, nicknamed Billy Chris, married at the age of seventeen years, Harriet Eliza Hitchcock, of the same age, and settled in Squantuck, where in after life he was famed as fisherman, also a wood sawyer in the sawmill there. He had a family of eight, six dying in childhood.

Lucinda, wife of Christopher, 2d, died Aug. 9, 1846, aged 45 years.

Frank H., son of Geo. W., married Lavinia Lewis, of New Jersey, and settled in Squantuck. He had an only child, Etta, who died in 1906, aged 21 years.

Fanny, daughter of Geo. W. Smith, married Isaac Tomlinson, a native of Squantuck, but spent the last years of his life in Bridgeport, where a daughter, Mrs. Ithamar N. Burke, now lives. Frederick, son of Isaac and Fanny Tomlinson, married, and he and wife both died in Bridgeport, leaving a son Freddie and daughter Noretta, with their grandmother, Fauny Smith Tomlinson.

Stephen, second son of John and Anna, married — Summers, niece of Christopher's wife, and settled in Woodbury. They had a family of three. Henry, the son, died young, unmarried. Cornelia married William Plumb Barto, of Woodbury, later settled in Thomaston, no children. Josephine married Sidney Taylor, and settled in Woodbury.

Sheldon Smith, third son of John and Anna, settled in Plymouth, by trade a shoemaker, but later worked in the Seth Thomas clock shops. He married Susan

Baldwin and had a family of three. Albert, who married Christina J. Christy, a Scotch woman, and had 3 children: Jennie, who married — Beach and resides in Waterbury; and Hugh, who married and has a family in Brooklyn, N. Y., besides a married daughter in Waterbury. Alfred removed to Brooklyn after giving up his business in Bristol, where the youngest daughter, Mrs. Arthur King, resides.

Charles, son of Sheldon and Susan Baldwin Smith, resides in the town of Westover, where he married his wife Josephine, a school teacher. They have one daughter, Mrs. Susan Billings, who lives at home with her two little girls. Ann Smith, daughter of Sheldon and Susan Baldwin Smith, married a man named Morse, no family, settled in Thomaston.

Grant Smith, son of John 1st and Anna Fanton Smith, a cooper by trade, worked for years in the Branford lock works. He married Rebekah Sperry, had one son Elizur who married, died, and is buried, in Branford. The latter had one son, Harry W., who grew to manhood, since then his whereabouts is unknown.

Ephraim, son of John 1st and Anna Smith, married Esther, half sister of Colonel Daniel Holbrook, of Militia fame, whose estate joined the Christopher Smith homestead. Ephraim followed farming and distilling, and raised a family of six children. His son Robert was a mason by trade, married Janette Canfield, no children, settled in Ansonia.

Sarah, daughter of Ephraim, married Beach Shelton, of White Hills, raised a family of six. Daniel, son of Beach Shelton, who married Harriet Beardsley of White Hills, where he settled, has a family of four, Raymond, Elizabeth, Ada and Gladys. One other died in infancy.

Anna, daughter of Beach Shelton,



married Warren C. Hubbell. They have a daughter Elsie and a son Sterling. Abbie C. Shelton, daughter of Beach Shelton, married Charles Jennings, lives at White Hills, has one little son, Charles Shelton. Sadie, daughter of Beach Shelton, married C. C. Beard, of Shelton, where they reside. They have one child, Marion.

Miss Lucy Shelton, daughter of Beach Shelton, is a bookkeeper in a Shelton mill. Frederick Shelton, son of Beach Shelton, married Caroline Curtiss of Shelton, where they reside, no family.

Albert, second son of Ephraim, married Mary Hudson of Oxford, settled there, and raised a family of four. He died in 1908. Mary, his daughter, is the widow of C. B. Johnson of Oxford, where she resides, no family. Adeline is a nurse in West Haven, unmarried. Herbert, a business man of Fair Haven, married. Frederica Bishop has a son Sterling and a daughter Beatrice (Smith). Mabel married Chester Newton and has a son Warren and a daughter Mildred (Newton).

Laura Cornelia, 2d, daughter of Ephraim Smith, widow of Benjamin Chatfield of Oxford, married Morrell Francis in 1875, until when she was a school teacher in Seymour. They had one son, Otis C., who married Emma Elizabeth Haines of Ansonia, in 1904. They have a little daughter, Emma Cornelia Frances, born in 1905. The Morrell Francis family reside in the Waters Smith homestead, Rockhouse Hill.

Henry Ephraim, youngest son of Ephraim Smith, married Virginia, daughter of Marcus and Sarah Green Davis, and had a family of nine. Bertha Janette died in infancy. Cora Virginia died in September, 1901, unmarried, aged 26 years. Alice F., trained nurse, lives in her own home in New Haven, with youngest sister and brothers. Sarah, married Frederic Wells and settled in Orange, have a family of

four, Cora Virginia, Norman, and twin girls Helen and Hazel.

Frederic Ephraim, eldest son of Henry Ephraim, married Blanche Wells, lives in Shelton, have a son, Newell Allen, and a daughter Marjorie. Nancy Janette, youngest daughter of Henry C., is a school teacher in West Haven. Benjamin Harris, Yale student. Clifford is a student. Elmer, in school, resides with sisters Alice and Nancy in West Haven.

Lucy Esther, third and youngest daughter of Ephraim and Esther Holbrook Smith, married Frank H. Downs in 1876. Settled in Oxford, Great Hill district, Holbrook road.

John 2d, youngest son of John 1st, and Anna Smith, married Sarah Lucinda Treat, daughter of Isaac and Elinor Stiles Treat of Moose Hill, sister to William and Robert Treat, all of Oxford, in 1853. She died Mar. 9, 1874. Children :

Edgar Henry, born in 1854, died in 1894.

Oscar Burritt, born in 1857, died Feb. 20, 1858.

Laura 2d, youngest daughter of John 1st and Anna Smith, born 1818, died unmarried in 1896. Was a tailoress.

Edgar Henry, son of John 2d, married Marietta, daughter of Theodore Lester and Mary Jane Smith, of Great Hill, had a family of six. E. H. Smith, born and died in the same house, like his father and grandfather. Bernice Jane Smith, eldest of the children of Edgar and Marietta Smith, married William Henry Haines of Ansonia in 1902, has a family of three boys, Milton William, born 1903. Edgar Smith, born 1905, John Russell, born 1907.

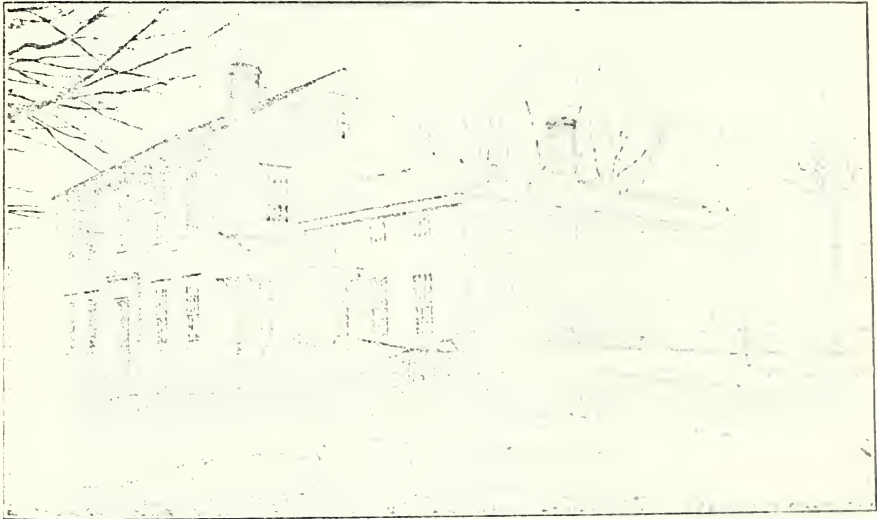
Ethel Gladys, daughter of Edgar and Marietta Smith, unmarried, lives on New street, Ansonia. Laura Alanta, daughter of Edgar and Marietta Smith, married Walter Edward Haines in 1904, settled at Great Hill, Seymour, have two daughters, Viola Gladys, born at Tarrytown, N. Y., in 1905, Marjorie Florence,



born in 1907, and a son, Walter Carl, born in 1909. Dixon Treat Smith, eldest son of Edgar and Marietta Smith, born 1886, lives with his mother in Ansonia.

I. Reginald Smith, son of Edgar H., born 1888, is a student at the Moody

school, Mount Hermon. Lester Edgar, third and youngest son of Edgar and Marietta Smith, born 1890, is a student in the department of steam and machine design of the Pratt Institute, school of Technology, Brooklyn, N. Y., class of '10,



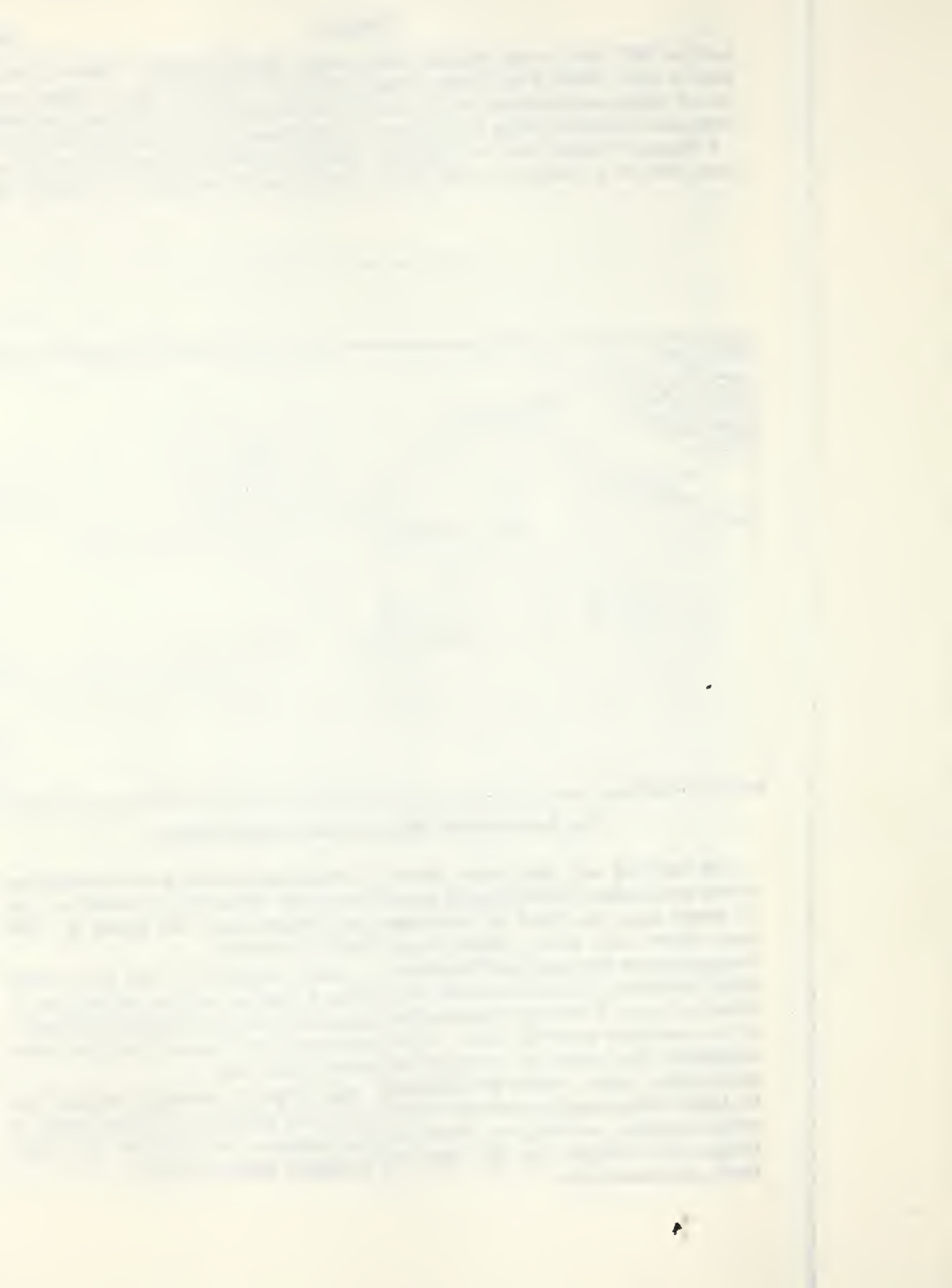
The Josiah Smith House, South of Zoar Bridge.

The building of the house shown above was begun by Josiah Smith about 85 years ago. He lived in the house next below, now gone. After nearly completing the house he gave his homestead to his son, Josiah, and the new house to his son Philo, upon the occasion of his marriage to Betty Lum. Philo completed the house and occupied it nearly fifty years, while he followed his trade as carpenter, wheelwright and bridge builder, working on Bennett's bridge, Zoar bridge, the big dam at Derby, and elsewhere.

While living in the house two children were born, Betsey M., who died at the age of eight years and Henry J., now living in Ansonia.

Later occupants of the house were Wm. E. Curtiss, now in the blacksmith business in Ansonia, and George Bassett, who moved to Ansonia and died there several years ago.

Rev. Wm. H. Stebbins occupied the house as a parsonage while in charge of the churches at Riverside and East Village in 1863 and 1864.





THE DR. DUTTON PLACE.

The old Doctor Dutton house, built by Doctor Hosea Dutton in the year 1800, on a little rise of ground overlooking Oxford Center, forty rods west from St. Peter's church. It was afterward occupied by his son, Doctor Thomas A. Dutton, and later was owned and occupied by Rev. Charles Smith, rector of St. Peter's church. Since 1840 it has been known as the Doctor Lounsbury place. Dr. Lounsbury died in 1895. The house has since been owned and occupied by his only daughter, Miss Emma Lounsbury.





THE LITTLE RIVER FALLS.

"THE LITTLE RIVER."

BY REV. L. F. MORRIS.

Among the hills and the woodlands wild,

Arises our little river,

'Tis unknown to fame,

And it has no name;

It is simply "The Little River."

And yet mighty streams that surge and roll,

Their way through the world a winning,

And make a great show,

And noise as they go,

Have just as small a beginning.

Tis so with men who make much display,

And pride themselves on their station,

With small men on earth

They had the same birth,

The same little, common creation.

This rivulet flows in sun and shade,

O'er meads and through tangled wildwood;

'Tis like a man's life,

With vicissitudes rife,

Since the days of his early childhood.

Here straight, there crooked, here swift, there

Here troubled, there calm in places, [slow,

It runs its way down

Through our sleepy town,

And never its way back retraces.

And pools as quiet retreats it has,

Where waters seem restful sleeping.

So life here and there

Has rest from all care

For him who the right course is keeping.

And here its waters are shrunk and scant,

And there it has broad expanses;

So the life we live

Doth want and wealth give

With unending changes and chances.

'Gainst great impediments barring its way,

Its waters ever working,

Are wholesome and clear,

No diseases appear

In them, as in idle pools lurking.

And so to him who is e'er at work

And e'er 'gainst obstacles going,

Some great, priceless health,

Some joy and some wealth,

Are ever their comforts bestowing.

The troubled rifts the winds would make

On its surface, this stream pursuing,

The water's strong flow

Keep down as they go,

So it heeds not the storms a brewing.

So the storms of life are unheeded by him

Who works with zeal untiring;

He keeps down its woes,

As active he goes

And to better things is asprings.

It may be this stream mid great rivers' fame

Has never a place or portion,

But its waters run free

With theirs to the sea

And together they're lost in the ocean.

One life may be great, and one may be small,

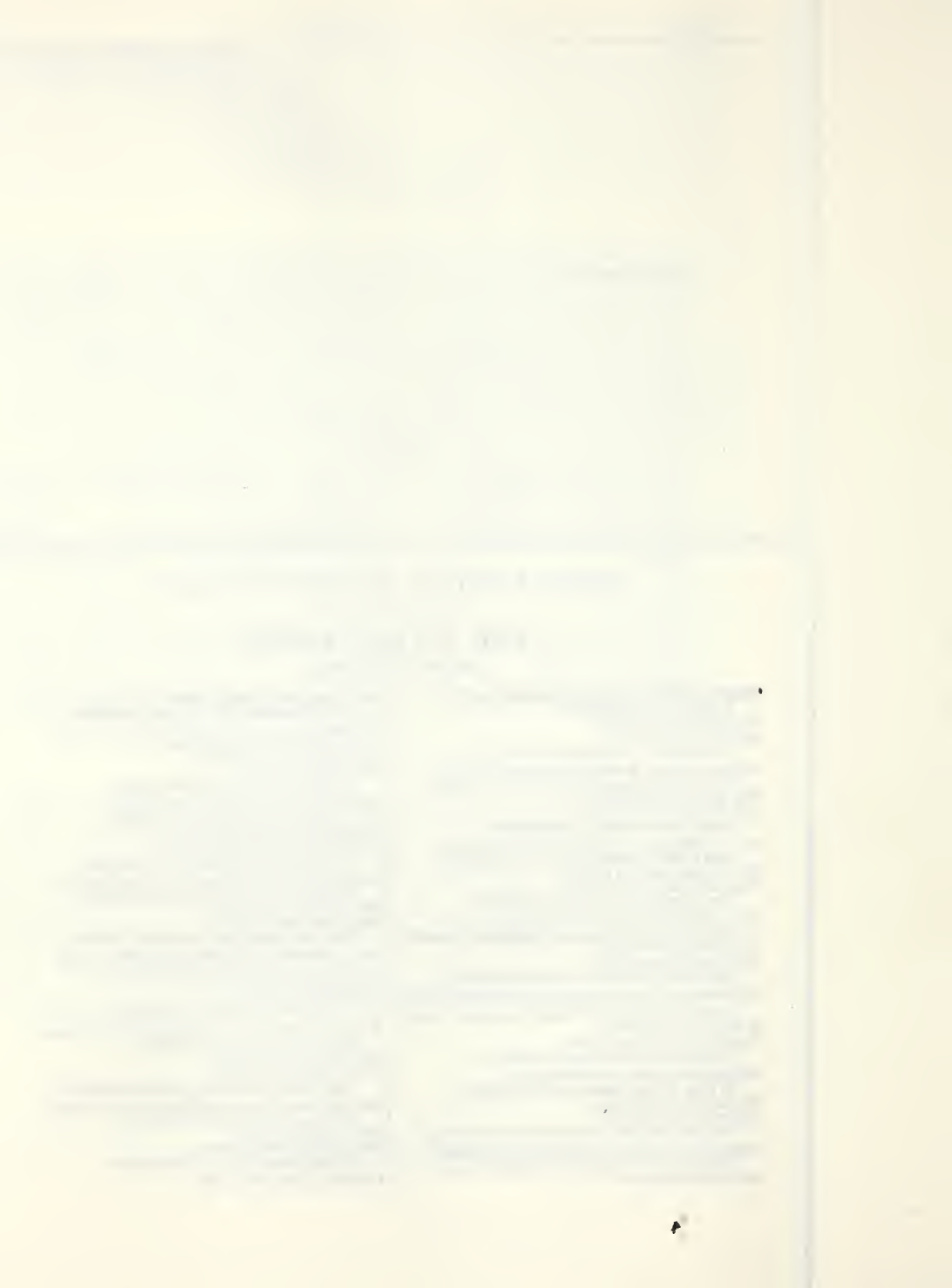
Unknown like this little river,

Yet both end at last,

When their time is past,

In the infinite sea of their giver.

OXFORD, June 30th, 1893.



A REVERY.

(The house referred to was on the east side of the road a few rods south of the Seth Den Bridge. It was destroyed by fire many years ago.)

In fancy oft I wander to my dear New England home,
The home I knew in childhood, long ago.

It was sheltered in the valley and it clambered up the hill,
'Tis the dearest spot that ever I shall know.

I see the old house standing with one foot upon the hill,
While the other stood upon the level ground.
The house my grandsire's sire built, and staunch and firm it stood,
Its oaken beams and timbers strong and sound.

I hear the children laughing as we play about the home,
I hear my mother calling from the door.
I see my father driving up the oxen through the lane,
The ox cart filled with apples, brimming o'er.

I see the cows a-coming through the let down pasture bars,
I hear the tin-tin-tinkle of their bells,
And once again I'm driving them up home at milking time,
I hear the milk a-pounding in the pails.

I walk beneath the maple trees that cast such grateful shade,
Their branches intertwined across the street,
I hear the sap a-dripping from the hollowed elder spout,
I taste the maple sugar pure and sweet.

And oh I smell the fragrance of the lilacs in the yard,
Their purple clusters bending with the dew,
The flow'ring almond blossoms clustered by the orchard fence,
Their fragrance borne on every breeze that blew.

I hear the river rushing and a-roaring in the spring,
When the icy chains of winter break away,
I hear it softly murmuring its ripples o'er the stones,
In summer, where we children loved to play.

And there's the tangled grapevine where the luscious bunches grew
The ripest just above our childish reach,
The blackberries, the huckleberries, and the sweetest strawberries too,
The orchard with the apple, quince and peach.

I wander through the pasture, through the lane up to the oak,
Whose branches cast a shade far and wide,
And there's my father's trout pond and the bridge that crossed the stream,
Where the speckled finny fellows used to hide.

I clamber o'er the bars into my father's chestnut grove
Where the purest, coolest spring I ever knew,
Came bubbling from the mossy rocks just underneath the oak,
I smell the fragrant mint that round it grew.

I hear my mother singing to soothe our childish woes
"Are there tidings," "Highland Laddie," and the rest,
What ballowed memories cluster all about that dear old home,
The spot, of all on earth, I love the best.

Oh many, many years have passed, but ne'er forgot will be
The place where, as a child, I loved to roam,
No spot on earth can ever be one half so dear to me
As my childhood's dear old happy Oxford home.

HELEN BASSETT JOHNSTONE.

San Francisco, California.



TAXPAYERS OF OXFORD IN 1802.

An old and faded manuscript, attested by H. Dutton, "Town Clerk, &c.," as a true copy of the taxable lists of the town of Oxford for 1802, containing 83 names, furnishes the list given below. The rate was two mills on the dollar. The highest on the list was David Tomlinson, Esq., who paid a tax of \$6.49. The next in amount of taxes were Capt. Hawkins, John Towner, David McCune, E. Fairchild, Aurelius and Joseph Hyde, Elijah Durand, Wait Garrett and Truman Bassett. Joel Perry was the collector.

Ephraim Andrews.	Wait Garrett.	Joel Perry.
John Bellamy.	Salmon Griffin.	Peter Perry.
Joel Buckingham.	Peleg Griffin.	Roger Perkins.
Isaac Bunnel.	Capt. Z. Hawkins.	David Perkins.
Wm. Bunnel.	Isaac Hawkins.	James Pangman.
Luke Bunnel.	Capt. Asabel Hyde.	Capt. Nath'l Pangman.
Truman Bunnel.	Joseph Hyde.	David Smith, 3d, Good Hill.
Cother Beardsley.	Daniel Hyde.	David Smith, 4th, Punkups.
Jared Beardsley.	Aurelius Hyde.	John Smith.
Lemuel Beardsley.	Joseph Hubbel.	Wm. Smith.
Clark Beardsley.	Hiram Johnson.	Isaac Smith.
Truman Bassett.	Jeremiah Johnson.	David Tomlinson, Esq.
Moses Cande.	Abner Johnson.	Zalmon Tomlinson.
Cyrus Cande.	Eleazer Lewis.	Caleb Tomlinson.
Daniel Cande.	Eleazer Lewis, Jr.	Nathan Tomlinson.
Levi Cande.	Wm. Lewis.	Josiah Tucker.
Isaac Chatfield.	Ethel Lounsbury.	Twichel & Merwin.
Benajah Chatfield.	David McCune.	John Towner.
Susanna Cornish.	David Mallory.	Rachel Towner.
✓ Elijah Durand.	Isaiah Mallory.	Simeon Towner.
✓ Nehemiah Durand.	Naboth Osborn.	Philo Thomas
✓ Joseph Durand.	Samuel Osborn.	Francis Tomkins.
Geo. Cables, heirs of	Sarah Osborn.	Elijah Treat.
Isaac Cable.	Elizabeth Osborn.	James Wheeler.
Stephen Curtiss.	Gideon Perry.	James Wheeler, 2d.
Ebenezer Fairchild.	James Perry.	James Wheeler, 3d.
Lois Fairchild.	James Perry, Jr.	Moses Wheeler.
Polly Fairchild.	Josiah Perry.	



OXFORD IN 1819.

The following sketch of Oxford as it was in 1819 is from the Gazetteer of Connecticut published in that year:

"Oxford is a post township, situated in the northwestern section of the county, 14 miles northwesterly from New Haven, and 40 southwesterly from Hartford; bounded on the north by Middlebury and Waterbury, on the east by Woodbridge and Derby, on the south by Derby, and on the southwest by the Ousatonic river, which separates it from Newtown, in Fairfield county, and on the west by Southbury. Its mean length from northeast to southwest is about 8 miles, and its mean breadth nearly 5 miles, comprising about 38 square miles.

The surface is uneven, being diversified with hill and dale. The prevailing soil is a gravelly loam; but in the western section of the town it is a calcareous loam, and is generally fertile and productive. There is a large proportion of forests, the timber of which is principally oak, walnut and chestnut. Considerable quantities of wood and timber are annually got to market, principally to New Haven; but some of which is sent to New York. The leading agricultural productions consist of wheat, rye, and some other grains, grass, butter and cheese; small meats, fowls, esculent roots and culinary vegetables are sent to New Haven market.

"The town is well watered; the Ousatonic washes its southwestern border, and the Naugatuck runs through its northeastern section, in addition to which there are numerous small streams. Upon the Ousatonic there are several shad fisheries. The Woodbury turnpike, leading to New Haven, passes through this town; and also the Southbury turnpike leading to the same place, from up the Ousatonic river.

"Of the mechanical employments and establishments in the town, the most important are, 1 Woolen Factory, 3 or 4 Limekilns, 1 large Hat Factory, 2 Fulling Mills and Clothiers' works, 3 Carding



Machines for customers, 3 Grain Mills and 6 Tanneries. There are 3 Mercantile Stores and 1 Public Inn.

"The population of the town, in 1810, was 1,445; and there are about 200 Electors or Freemen, about 220 Dwelling Houses, and 1 Company of Militia.

"The amount of taxable property, including polls, as rated in the making up of lists in 1816, was \$35,020.

"The town contains 1 located Ecclesiastical Congregational Society and 13 School Districts; besides the located, there are 2 Episcopal Societies, and a Society of Methodists. There is a primary or common School maintained in each of the School Districts, for a suitable portion of the year. There is 1 Social Library, 1 Clergyman, 1 Physician and 1 Attorney in the town.

THE EARLY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

The spinning wheel and the hand looms on which were woven both woolen and linen fabrics for clothing and household use, were supplemented by carding mills where waterpower was utilized in carding the wool, which was then returned to the homes to be spun and woven or knit into stockings, mittens, etc. The flax was hatchelled on sharp, slim spikes set in a piece of oak plank, over which the flax was drawn to free it from the integument with which nature had covered it.

Until 1788 all spinning and weaving of woolen and cotton in this country was by hand. Some progress has been made in England in spinning by other than hand power, but that country exercised jealous watchfulness over the industries and statutes were enacted there prohibiting the exportation of "any machine, engine, tool, press, utensil or implement whatever," or models or plans of any appliance for the manufacture of cotton, wool or silk, under a penalty of forfeiture of such device, a fine of £200, and imprisonment for twelve months. But notwithstanding the vigilance of the mother country, Yankee ingenuity triumphed in this as well as in other directions, and models of machinery for the purposes referred to were smuggled into this country. The legislature of Massachusetts offered special inducements to inventors of machinery for the manufacture of textiles. Somewhere about 1788 what was called a cottonmill was put up at Beverly, Mass., which is said to have been the first factory in America, and yet the spinning mechanism



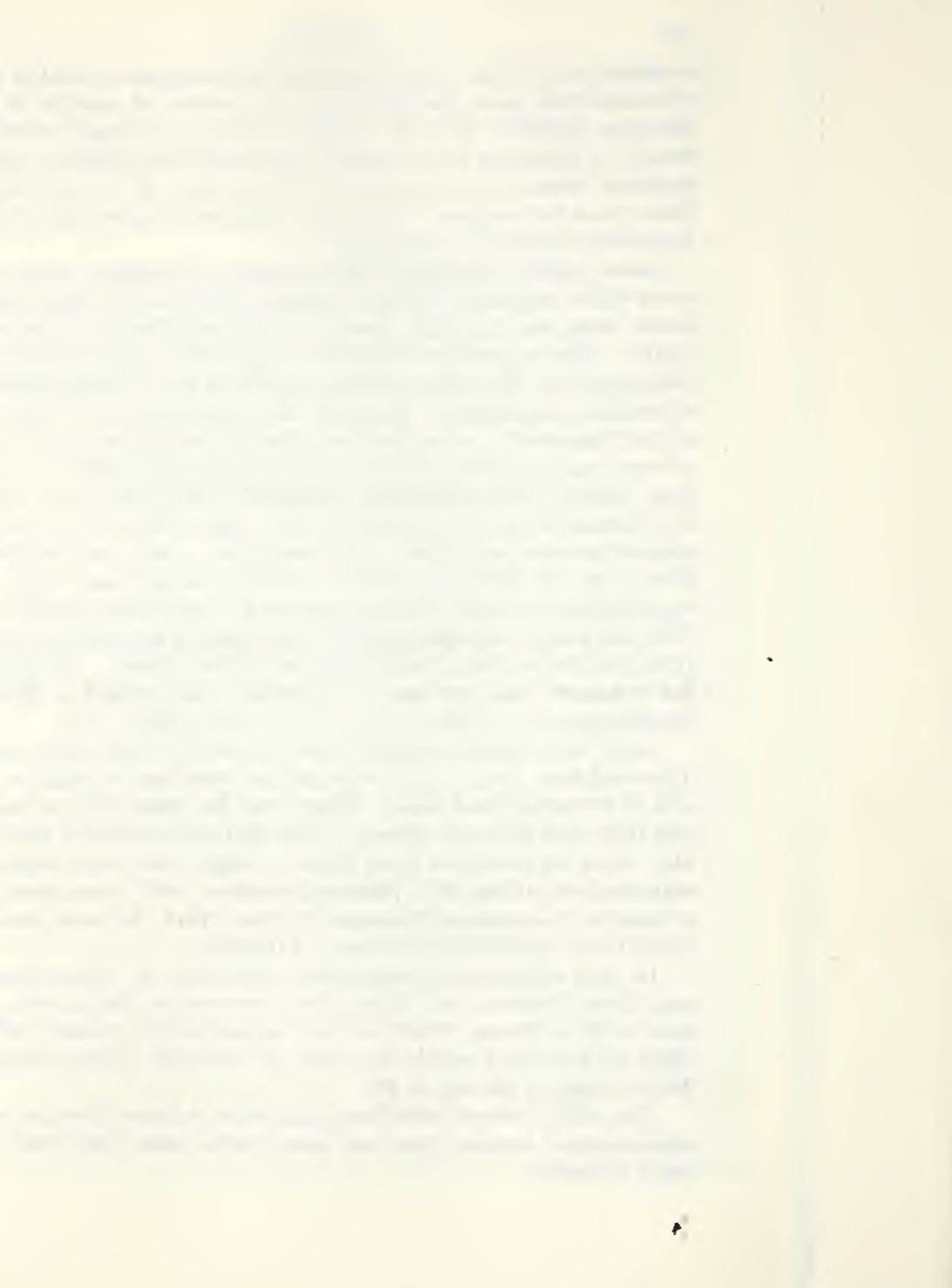
consisted only of four jennies operated by horsepower, and the jennies were little more than the union of a number of spindles in the the same machine after the manner of the one thread wheel by hand. A beginning had, however, been made, and within a year a spinning frame was constructed in Providence, R. I., and Moses Brown and his brothers "did a small business at manufacturing on lathes and jennies driven by men."

Soon similar enterprises were begun in this state, each with some slight mechanical improvement, and it was not long before looms were run by water power for the manufacture of woolen cloths. The importation of Merino sheep from Spain by General Humphreys in 1802, gave a great impetus to the "infant industry" of woolen manufacture. He made his headquarters at "the falls of the Naugatuck" and named the village Humphreysville, building a large woolen factory, in which the business was learned by young men, some of whom afterward established mills of their own, notably Samuel Wire, who located on the Little River, in the south part of the town of Oxford. On November 7, 1814, he purchased from John W. Wooster half of a factory, house, barn, dam and waterworks, the factory being mentioned in the town records as a "clothier's shop and fulling mill," from which it appears that something in this line had already been established there. In 1819 his list of taxable property was—"1 clothier's shop valued at \$300, 1 dwelling house and barn and 1½ acres of land, \$400," etc.

Capt. Wire carried on the business there for about thirty years. The wool from sheep on the surrounding farms was brought to the mill to be carded and spun. Many paid for these two processes and then took the yarn home to knit into stockings and mittens, etc., or to be woven on hand looms. Much cloth was, however, manufactured at the mill, principally satinets, which was generally shipped to commission merchants in New York, but was also re-tailed to the people in the vicinity of the mill.

In 1846 the property passed into the hands of Hiram Osborn and Clark Wooster, and Capt. Wire removed to Bridgeport, and later to New Haven, where he was appointed city Sheriff, which office he held until nearly the time of his death, which occurred May 3, 1874, at the age of 86.

The mill afterward passed into the hands of James Ormsby, who manufactured woolen yarn for some years, after which the mill went to decay.



Another clothier's shop, later a woolen mill, was established in the north part of the village of Quaker Farms, where a dam was built across the Eight Mile Brook, to furnish the needed water power. Isaac Rowe, Sr., had come from Brattleboro, Vt., with Gen. Humphreys to work in the woolen mill at Humphreysville, and Feb. 6, 1824, his twin sons, Isaac, Jr., and Frederick, purchased the mill at Quaker Farms from the estate of Squire David Tomlinson. The property was described in the deed as "a woolen factory situated in Quaker's Farm, on ye eight mile brook, so called, about an hundred rods northerly from ye Chapel with all ye machinery and implements belonging thereto, with all ye water privileges heretofore claimed as belonging to sd factory, also a dye shop with ye kettles and implements thereunto belonging, also a small dwelling house standing near said factory, with ye land on which sd buildings stand."

A few years later Isaac sold out to Frederick and went to Michigan and selected a location where he proposed to build a mill, and then started on the return trip, but the vessel on which he was crossing lake St. Clair was wrecked and he was drowned.

In 1831 Frederick Rowe sold the "woolen manufactory and dwelling house, with the water privilege and land," to Ira Sherman and Horace Candee, the specifications in the deed showing what progress had been made in the machinery used in the manufacture of woolens, as "a patent shearing machine, spinning jenny, gizz mill for napping cloth, 1 broad loom, set press papers, roll of filleting cards, clothiers' brushes, 4 shutters, 1000 seazles or more." Philippa Rowe is mentioned as one of those having a right in the mill.

In 1833 Sherman and Candee sold the property to Benjamin Hawley of Cherryfield, Washington County, State of Maine, and Mary Burritt of Southbury.

DeForest & Hine were for some years the proprietors of the mill, manufacturing satinets and employing about a dozen hands. DeForest (William) was from Naugatuck, and when he left the Farms went to New Haven. The factory was closed about 1850. The mill has long since disappeared, and of the dam, which held until some time after 1860, only the ruins of the abutments remain. The writer remembers skating on the pond with the schoolboys in the winter of 1858-59, when he taught the Quaker Farms school. The conical nests of the muskrats, rising two or three feet above the surface of the pond, made convenient seats for the skaters while



adjusting their skates, when it was true that

"The fires stream bright
Along the frozen river,
And the arrowy sparkles of brilliant light
On the forest branches quiver."

At this Quaker Farms mill broadcloth was manufactured as early as 1824, and for many years thereafter.

Yet another woolen mill, also on the Eight Mile Brook, but only a short distance from where it empties into the Honsatonic, was built early in the nineteenth century. In the records is an indication that some kind of a foundry had existed there at an earlier date. This was in the neighborhood then called Punkups.

James Dawson, in company with a man by the name of Lees, father of Robert Lees, began business there about 1825, and manufactured broadcloth and cassimeres. Dawson was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1800, and was therefore about 25 when he began business at Punkups. Some years later he sold out to Ira Bradley and William Guthrie of Southbury, who sold the property to James and Samuel Radcliffe of Bristol, Hartford county, July 1, 1853. The property was described as follows :

"The following parcels or tracts of land situated near the Ousatonic river in the region called Punkups in the town of Oxford. One tract, the Homestead of James Dawson, and contains seven-teen acres, more or less, with the buildings, viz.: two dwelling houses and outbuildings, a woolen mill, machinery and fixtures appendant thereto, and is bounded Northerly by land of Sheldon Wooster, Easterly by highway, Southerly by land of Simeon Hinman and John B. Hinman, and Westerly by land called Frederick H. Chatfield's, now Simeon Hinman's, or John B. Hinman's. Another tract lying across the highway, Easterly from and opposite to that above described, contains one acre more or less, a barn standing thereon, and is bounded Northerly by land of Polly Tomlinson, Easterly and Westerly by Highway, and Southerly by Robert Lees. A third tract lying Northerly from the last and contains twentytwo acres, more or less, and is bounded Northerly by land of Polly Tomlinson, Easterly by Simeon Hinman, Southerly by land of Polly Tomlinson, and Westerly, by land of Polly Tomlinson and Eight mile brook, extending so as to embrace all the interest the said James Dawson had at the time of his assignment in the land and privilege called old Forge place."

A mortgage deed given by Dawson in 1851 gives some details of the machinery in the mill which is of interest as showing of what



the plant of a woolen mill consisted in those days. The machinery specifications were as follows: "four carding machines, three broad power looms, a spinning jack, two shearing machines, a gig, a brushing machine, two frames for twisting and spooling stocking yarn, and sundry articles not herein enumerated."

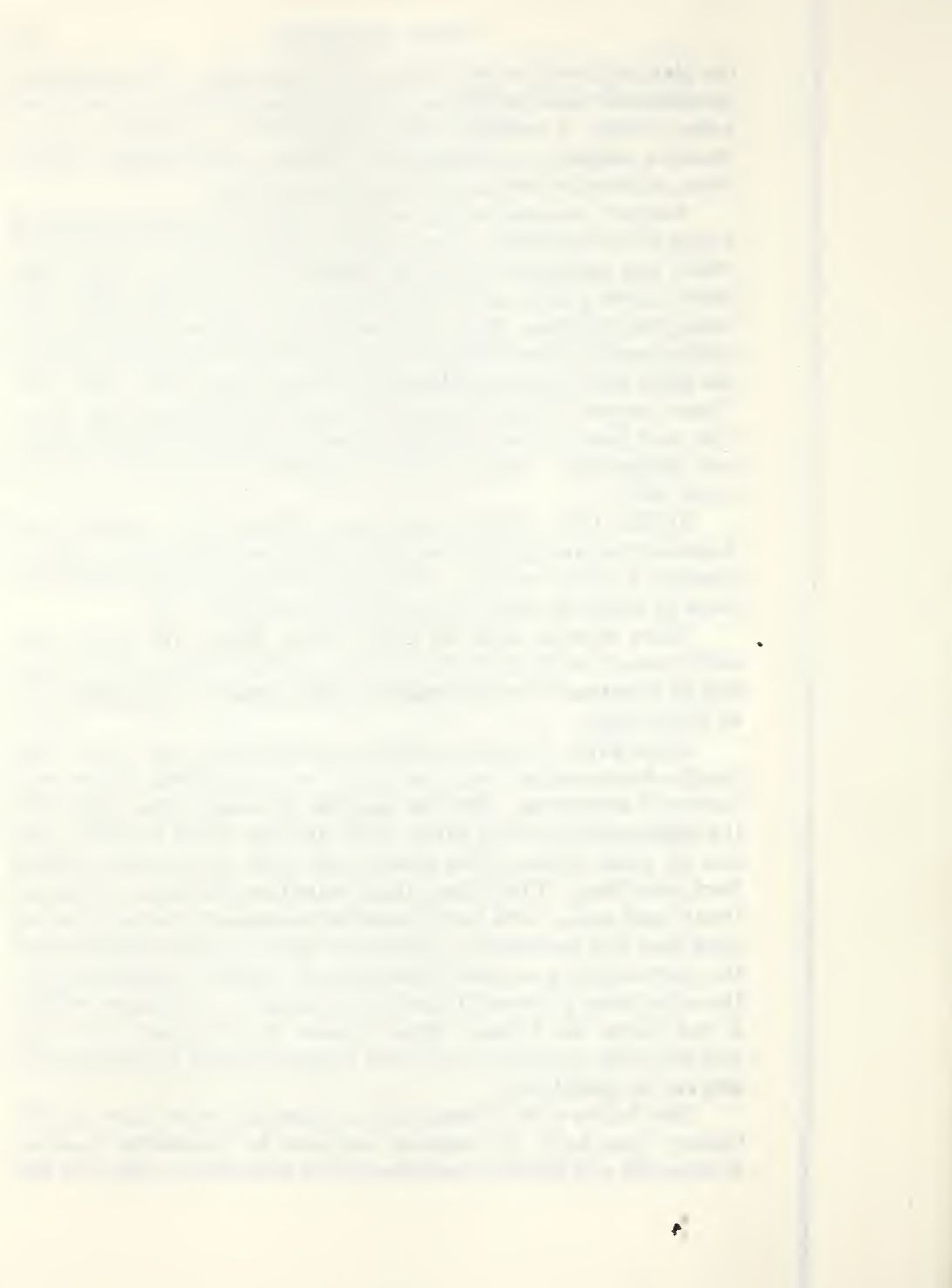
Another manufacturing industry which flourished in Quaker Farms for some twenty years was the manufacture of metal screws which was carried on by H. E. Bidwell in a mill on Eight Mile Brook about a mile south of the Quaker Farms woolen mill. He came from Amherst, Mass., and bought the mill and fitted it up for making small screws which he sold to hardware dealers throughout this state and to some in Massachusetts and New York state, also "auger screws" to manufacturers of augers in Seymour and Westville, and shear screws to manufacturers of shears in South Britain and Naugatuck. He also ran a sawmill in connection with the screw mill.

At Red City, fiftyfive years ago, David Scott manufactured daguereotype and ambrotype cases, giving employment to quite a number of young people. A little later William Tucker had a shop there in which he made wagon wheels, horserakes, etc.

There were sawmills on Little River, Eight Mile Brook, the south branch of the Kettletown Brook, and the brook on the east side of Chestnut Tree Hill which empties into the Naugatuck river at Pinesbridge.

Little River, though ordinarily a small stream, has in its brief length of a few miles furnished power for a surprising number and variety of industries. The one nearest its source was a shop for the manufacture of hay rakes, built and run some seventy years ago by Isaac Towner who lived on the main road where Charles Beck now lives. From there the stream flows through a comparatively level valley with but little fall to be available for water power until Red City is passed. Just below where a road branches from the old turnpike and turns westward over the hill to Quaker Farms, there has been a sawmill from time immemorial. The next millsite is just below the Center, where remain the abutments of a dam and the walls on which once stood a sawmill which was long owned and run by Joel Perry.

Next below a Mr. French had a gristmill, owned later by Eli Carley, then by S. P. Sanford, and now by Llewellyn Andrew. A cidermill and distillery was also run in connection with it, in the



fall season, but the distillery part of the business has long ago been abandoned. A little below Norman A. Bidwell hall a carding mill, which was occupied later as a tannery, first by Cyrus Fenn, and then by Anthony B. Hinman, the water power being utilized in grinding the tan bark.

The next dam and pond below furnished power for a sawmill built in 1852 by Sheldon Church, who owned nearly a square mile of land on which was sufficient timber to keep the mill supplied during the season of available waterpower without using more than the annual growth of the trees would amount to.

The next below was a turning shop, both the shop and dam having been built about 1870, for the manufacture of croquet sets. The next was the Samuel Wire (or Weir) mill, and next and last on the Little River, within the limits of the town of Oxford, is the Wooster sawmill and gristmill, owned by William and Sheldon Church, and yet later by Mark Lounsbury, by whom it was leased to Edward L. Hoadley. The gristmill was discontinued years ago, but the sawmill is still managed by Mr. Hoadley, who does a large business in timber. This made at one time eight dams with shops or mills on this stream within the Oxford town lines, there being three on the stream below the town line before it empties into the Naugatuck river.

There was also a cider distillery on the southerly slope of Rock House Hill, near what is now known as Orchard street.

The manufacture of hats was a leading industry of the town for nearly fifty years. This was carried on in shops at the center, a few rods north of the hotel, and many men were profitably employed, the hats being sold to dealers in neighboring cities and to wholesalers in New York City.

About 1830, and for some time thereafter, Seth Crosby was the proprietor, said to have employed at one time about seventyfive men. Four partners succeeded him, Garry Riggs, George Fuller, Charles Ranson and Agur Cable. Henry Dunham followed, keeping a general store in addition to managing the hat business, and usually found a ready sale in New York City for all the hats the men could make, or rather what they would make, for the hatters were a very jolly, independent sort of men, and although they mostly worked "by the piece," and the more hats they made the bigger their pay, they had a sort of "chapel" arrangement and what the "chapel" ordered was, to a great extent, the law of the



shop. At one time the leader of the "chapel" told Mr. Dunham they would turn out a much greater number of hats if he would get orders for them. Mr. Dunham went to New York and obtained large orders for a certain line of hats, and on his return told the foreman of his success and that the men could make all the hats they pleased. The foreman called the men together and told them the good news, but to his surprise two or three men objected and after some debate they carried the day and the hatters decided they would make no more hats than before. The result was that Mr. Dunham had to cancel a part of his orders.

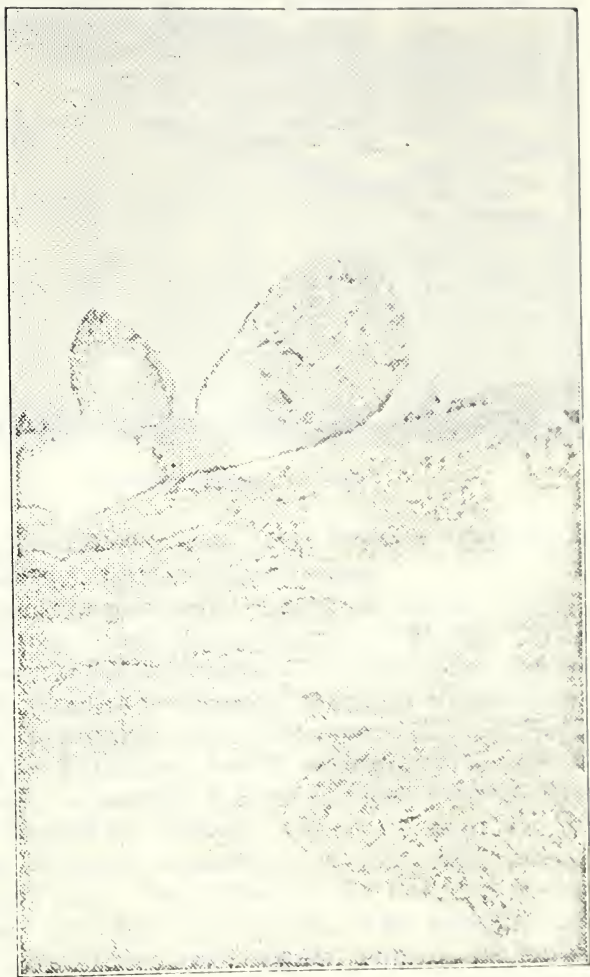
Clothing was at one time made here for the southern trade, David M. Clark having a tailor shop in the long one-story ell in the rear of his house, the first above where the present schoolhouse stands, and had quite a number of men in his employ.

The making of casks and kegs for the West India trade was a flourishing industry here for many years. The first in that line of business here of whom mention is found was John Limburner, who came here from New Haven about 1797, and carried on the business here until 1829, when he removed to Derby. Several cooperages were located along the turnpike between Oxford center and Southford, one having been where S. E. Hubbell now lives and one at the Frazier place on the hill north of Red City. Others who were engaged in this business were Willis Smith, William Morris and Harvey Morris, who died in 1859, aged 73.

There were about the middle of last century many shoe shops in the town, where shoes were made for city and southern trade. There was one near the south end of Riggs street, several on the turnpike between the center and Southford, and one at least at Quaker Farms, the latter belonging to Horace Hinman, who was in the business there until late in the '60's.

The Oxford turnpike was chartered in 1795, and was for half a century one of the principal thoroughfares of the state, being on a through line from New Haven to Southbury, Woodbury and towns beyond, and the route of a stage line and regular freight teams as well as for farmers who carried their own produce to the city market or to towns in the Naugatuck valley. The toll house was established on the east bank of the Little River, about a quarter of a mile below Oxford center.



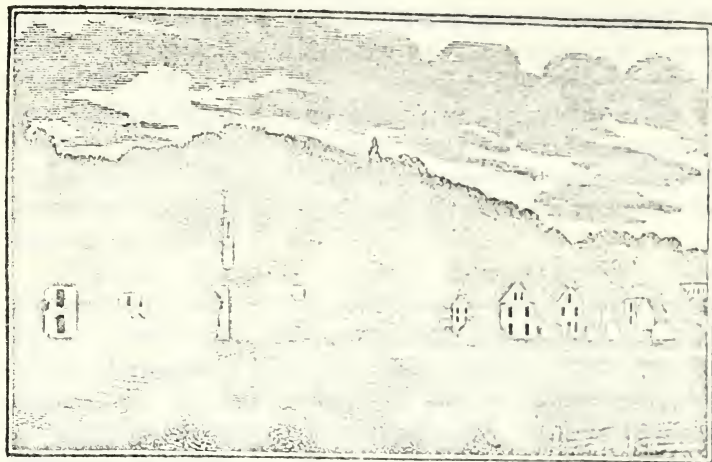


BALANCED ROCK, FIVE MILE HILL.

A RELIC OF THE GLACIAL PERIOD.



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OXFORD CENTER IN 1838.

The above illustration is from J. W. Barber's "Historical Collections," published in 1838, in which he says:

"Oxford was incorporated as a town in October, 1798, previously to which time it belonged to the town of Derby. The Rev. Jonathan Lyman appears to have been the first clergyman in the place. He was ordained in October, 1745. It is fourteen miles northwest from New Haven, and forty southwest from Hartford; bounded north by Middlebury and Waterbury, on the southwest by the Housatonic, separating it from Newtown, on the west by Southbury, on the east by Bethany, and on the south by Derby. Its length from northeast to southwest is about eight miles, and its breadth nearly five. The surface of the township is uneven, being diversified with hills and valleys. The prevailing soil is generally loam; the eastern and western parts of the town are generally fertile and productive. The central part, through which the main road passes, is considered to be the poorest land in the town. There are in the town three satinet factories, and an extensive hat manufactory, owned by Messrs. Hunt & Crosby. A number of extensive manufacturing establishments are about being erected on the Naugatuck.



FIG. 1.1

The first part of the book is devoted to a discussion of the basic concepts of the theory of functions of a complex variable. It begins with a chapter on the complex plane, where the reader is introduced to the complex numbers and the operations on them. This is followed by a chapter on the theory of analytic functions, which deals with the properties of functions that are differentiable in the complex plane. The next chapter is devoted to the theory of conformal mappings, which shows how one region in the complex plane can be mapped onto another region in a way that preserves angles. The final chapter in this part is a discussion of the theory of residues, which provides a powerful tool for evaluating integrals of functions of a complex variable.

The second part of the book is devoted to the theory of the Riemann zeta function, which is one of the most important functions in number theory. It begins with a chapter on the properties of the zeta function, which shows that it has a simple pole at $s=1$ and is analytic for $\sigma > 1$. This is followed by a chapter on the asymptotic behavior of the zeta function, which shows that it grows rapidly as s approaches 1 from the right. The next chapter is devoted to the theory of the distribution of prime numbers, which shows that the number of primes less than x is asymptotically equal to $x/\log x$. The final chapter in this part is a discussion of the theory of the generalized Riemann hypothesis, which is one of the most important unsolved problems in mathematics.

"The above engraving is a southeastern view of the central part of Oxford. The building with a Gothic tower is the Episcopal Church; part of the Congregational Church is seen on the extreme right. The elevation seen in the background is called 'Governor's Hill,' so named, it is said, from its being principally owned, many years since, by a Mr. Bunnel, who was considered by his neighbors as a lordly kind of a personage, and had considerable to do with the law, being engaged in many law-suits for the support of his real or imaginary rights. From the important and consequential airs he assumed among his neighbors, he probably received the designation of 'Governor.'

"Quaker Farms is a pleasant part of Oxford. It contains an Episcopal Church, which is about two miles from the center of the town. About one mile and a half south from the center is the 'Park,' formerly a place for deer. About eighty or ninety years since, a Mr. Wooster owned and enclosed about one hundred acres of land for the purpose of keeping deer. It is said that he had the exclusive privilege by law of restraining any person from hunting deer in the limits of 'the Park.' Upon the outside of part of the enclosure there was a kind of a precipice, from which the deer, when pursued, would sometimes leap into the enclosure, much to the mortification and disappointment of unprivileged hunters.

"About one mile south of the central part of the town is a remarkable mineral spring; called "the Pool" from the circumstance of the waters being efficacious, and much used for the cure of the salt rheum and other complaints. Once in a month a yellowish scum will collect upon the surface of the water, which in a few days will run off, and leave the pool perfectly clear. In the coldest weather this spring never freezes; in the driest season it is as full as at other times."



HISTORICAL SKETCH OF OXFORD.

Read at the Centennial Celebration, July 4th. 1876.

BY N. J. WILCOXSON.

Oxford was for the most part embraced in the survey and lay out of the ancient town of Milford. A section in the northerly part was originally of the ancient town of Woodbury, and the north-easterly section, to no great extent, however, was taken from the town of Waterbury—Waterbury Old Society, as then styled. The territory consisted of two purchases—the Western, called Quaker Farms purchase, the Eastern, the North purchase. The two purchases were separated by the stream bisecting the town named Little River. Oxford, as a separate community, as is shown per record, began with the incorporation of the Ecclesiastical Society of Oxford, the Society now known as the Congregational Society. This was done by Act of General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, holden at Hartford, May, 1740, and must have been done very soon after the territory comprising the town was generally settled. The petitioners for a parish incorporation were Timothy Noster, John Twitchell, John Towner, and others, dwelling in the north and northwest part of the township of Derby; John, Jonas and Joseph Wood, Thos. and Joseph Osborn, dwelling in the Southwest part of Waterbury Woods, in the old Society of Waterbury; Isaac Kowles, Joseph Towner, Eliphalet Bristol, John Tifts and Aaron Bristol, dwelling in the southeast part of the township of Woodbury, in Woodbury Woods, so called, in the parish of Southbury. The names of these petitioners are nearly extinct. Two, of the name of Towner, Joseph and Albert B., descendants of John Towner; Orlando C. Osborn, great-great-grandson to Capt. Joseph Osborn, and Thomas S. Osborn, great-great-grandson to Deacon Thomas Osborn. Thomas and Joseph Osborn were brothers.

THE
HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON
FROM 1630 TO 1880
BY
JOHN B. HENNING

The history of the city of Boston from 1630 to 1880 is a story of growth and development. It begins with the arrival of the first settlers in 1630, who founded the city as a haven for religious freedom. Over the years, Boston grew from a small fishing village into a major center of commerce and industry. The city played a key role in the American Revolution, and its citizens were instrumental in the fight for independence. In the 19th century, Boston became a hub of intellectual and cultural activity, with many of the nation's leading universities and research institutions located there. The city's economy diversified, with a strong emphasis on manufacturing and trade. By 1880, Boston had become one of the most important cities in the United States, and its influence was felt throughout the world.

Besides these no other names of the petitioners can be found within the present limit of the town. Geo. A. Twitchell, and Lucius S. Osborn, great-grandson to Deacon Thomas Osborn, reside at Beacon Falls. I do not know of any other descendant anywhere in this vicinity. We may look upon this circumstance and be hereby admonished of the work of time—in the removal and supply of population.

The members of the parish, (or Society of Oxford, as they termed themselves,) for the first time met and organized on the 30th of June, 1741. On the 6th day of October, 1741, in meeting lawfully warned, it was voted, "by a two-thirds part of the inhabitants by law qualified to vote and present in meeting, to build a meeting house, and to meet the assembly in their next session at New Haven, to pray for a commission to appoint, order and fix the place whereon their meeting house shall be erected and built."

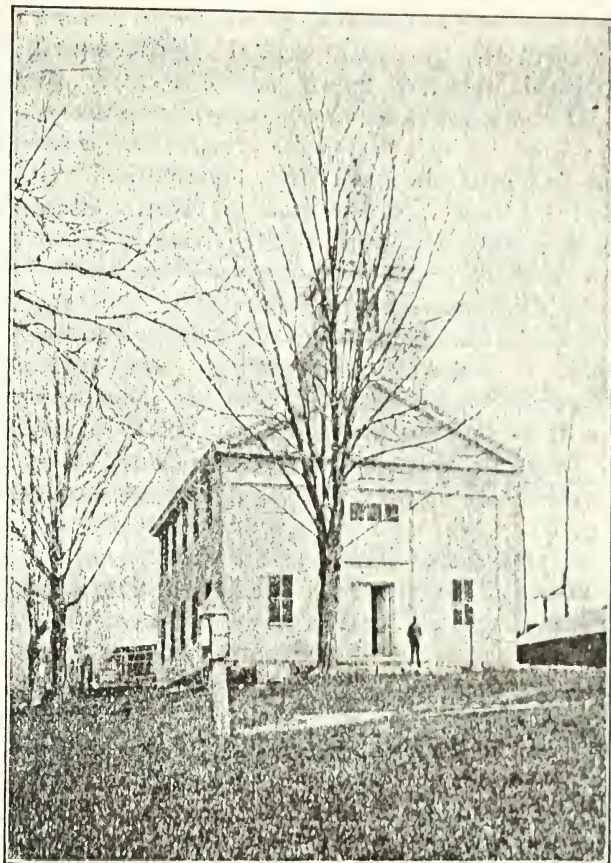
Mr. Ebenezer Riggs (as I understand, great-grandfather to our fellow-townsmen of that name,) was appointed agent to the General Assembly, to manage the obtaining of such committee. Who that committee was or were, when, where and why they decided on setting their stake for a site for the house to be built, does not appear on Society or Parish records.

Society or parish meetings were held at private houses, passing round from one to another of the members until the 31st day of March, 1743. The meeting next after that was held at the meeting house on the 21st of June, 1743. Next of importance to the building of the meeting house was a step taken towards the settlement of a gospel minister. Mr. Joseph Adams was called to such settlement with a proffer of a settlement of £500, and a yearly salary of £150 old tenor. The call was not accepted. At another parish meeting held on the first Monday of June, 1745, it was voted to give the worthy Mr. Jonathan Lyman a call to preach on probation. A committee consisting of Capt. Timothy Russell, Capt. John Lum and Ensign John Chatfield, were appointed to hire Mr. Jonathan Lyman upon probation, for the space of four Sabbaths. At the end of the set four weeks, at a meeting held on the first Monday of July, 1745, it was voted to give the worthy Mr. Jonathan Lyman a call to settle over the parish in the work of the gospel ministry.

A settlement of £500, in the old tenor, was voted to be paid in four years, (£125 yearly,) and a salary of £125 yearly till the settlement was paid. The salary then to advance to £150 yearly.



Subsequently it was voted to add £10 yearly to the salary for five years.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Mr. Lyman was ordained to the work of the ministry over the parish on the fourth Wednesday of October, 1745, and continued as such minister 18 years, when, as he was riding in the westerly part of the town, on a visit to a sick person, he fell from his horse, and, as supposed, instantly died. No special mention is made of his ministry. That he was continued so long is testimony in favor of his success. Our fellow-townsmen, Hon. Benj. Nichols, is great-grandson to him.

Next to Mr. Lyman as minister of the parish, the Rev. David Bronson, of Milford, was called to the work of the ministry. The call is dated Monday, March 3d, 1764. Proffered is a settlement of £200, and a salary of £60, to be increased to £70 after four years. Deacon Ebenezer Riggs, Mr. John Twitchell, Mr. Thomas Clark, Capt. Russell, Capt. Hawkins, Lieut. Wheeler, Joseph Osborn, were the committee for treating with the worthy Mr. David Bronson regarding his settlement. The 25th day of April, 1764, was appointed for the ordination. Mr. Bronson lived and served the parish as gospel minister till the year 1806, a period of forty years, when he died full of years. The next settled minister of the parish was the Rev. Nathaniel Freeman. His continuance was from June, 1809, to September, 1814. The Society was without a settled minister from September, 1814, to the settlement of Rev. Abraham Brown, June 2d, 1830. During these 16 years of vacancy, the people were variously supplied with preaching, principally by the Rev. Ephraim G. Swift, a man of much personal worth and highly respected. Mr. Brown was dismissed October 16, 1838. A call for a settlement over the parish as pastor was extended to Rev. Stephen Topliff, on the 21st day of April, 1841, on a salary of \$500 annually so long as he continued with the church and society as minister. Mr. Topliff accepted the call and was installed the following September, and remained for twenty years. He was a man esteemed for his integrity, for his faithfulness in the discharge of his professional duty, his kindness as neighbor, and the wisdom of his actions as a citizen.

It is doubtless within the memory of most of you composing this gathering, that after Mr. Topliff the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Mr. Barton one year. Mr. Strong was installed and continued two and a half years. Rev. Mr. Chamberlain was hired from year to year two and a half years, and since that the church and society have been supplied seven years by Rev. John Churchill of Woodbury. It may be remarked of Mr. Churchill, that faithful to his calling as a preacher he deservedly ranks with the ablest, as a friend the kindest, as a neighbor unselfishly loving, and as a citizen discreet, just and true.

Not long before the close of the year 1792, the people began to talk of building a new meeting house, and on the third day of January, 1793, in meeting legally warned, voted so to build on the meeting house acre, near the old one, a house 56 feet by 40.



Thomas Clark, Esq., Capt. John Riggs and Mr. Josiah Strong, were appointed a committee to apply to the Hon. County Court to establish a place for a site for the same.

It was in meeting on the 23d day of December, 1793, that Mr. Timothy Candee was appointed to build the meeting house, the same vote agreeing to give him therefor the sum of six hundred and seventyfive pounds, about \$2,253.75. It was told me that the stipulated sum did not pay to Mr. Candee the expenses of the building; to meet the expenses of the house so embarrassed him pecuniarily that he gave up what of estate he had and removed to Pompey, N. Y., where he lived out his time. The meeting house then built, which is the present Congregational Church, was raised in the year 1795, as entered on public record by Dr. Hosea Dutton. The same year the Oxford Turnpike, said to have been the second in the State, was chartered.

The same year the hotel building, now styled "Oxford House," was erected by Daniel and Job Candee. The same was first and for many years occupied by Daniel Candee as inn holder. He was succeeded by his nephew, David Candee, who continued in the position a space of forty years.

The first postoffice was kept in that building, Daniel Candee, postmaster. David Candee, upon taking the position of landlord, took also that of postmaster, which he held for a great number of years, and then passed to his son, George N. Candee, by whom it was taken into a merchant store.

I am not able to detail so particularly of the Episcopal parish of St. Peters, as I am of the Congregational, not having had access to the parish records. This parish was gathered together and installed by the labors of Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield, a missionary of the Church of England, who was located at Derby as a minister of the gospel, where he lived to a very great age and to the end of his life. As I have heard him spoken of, he was an exemplary man as a christian, neighbor and citizen, and regarded with veneration by all. The date of the beginning of the parish as I am told by the clerk is 1764. I cannot tell who was the immediate successor to Dr. Mansfield, as gospel minister. Rev. Mr. Prindle, a native born citizen of Oxford, a graduate from Yale College, after a twelve years' ministerial service at Watertown, was pastor at St. Peters for several years. Mr. Prindle was justly noted for sound and forcible intellect, for stern integrity, and as orthodox and firm in

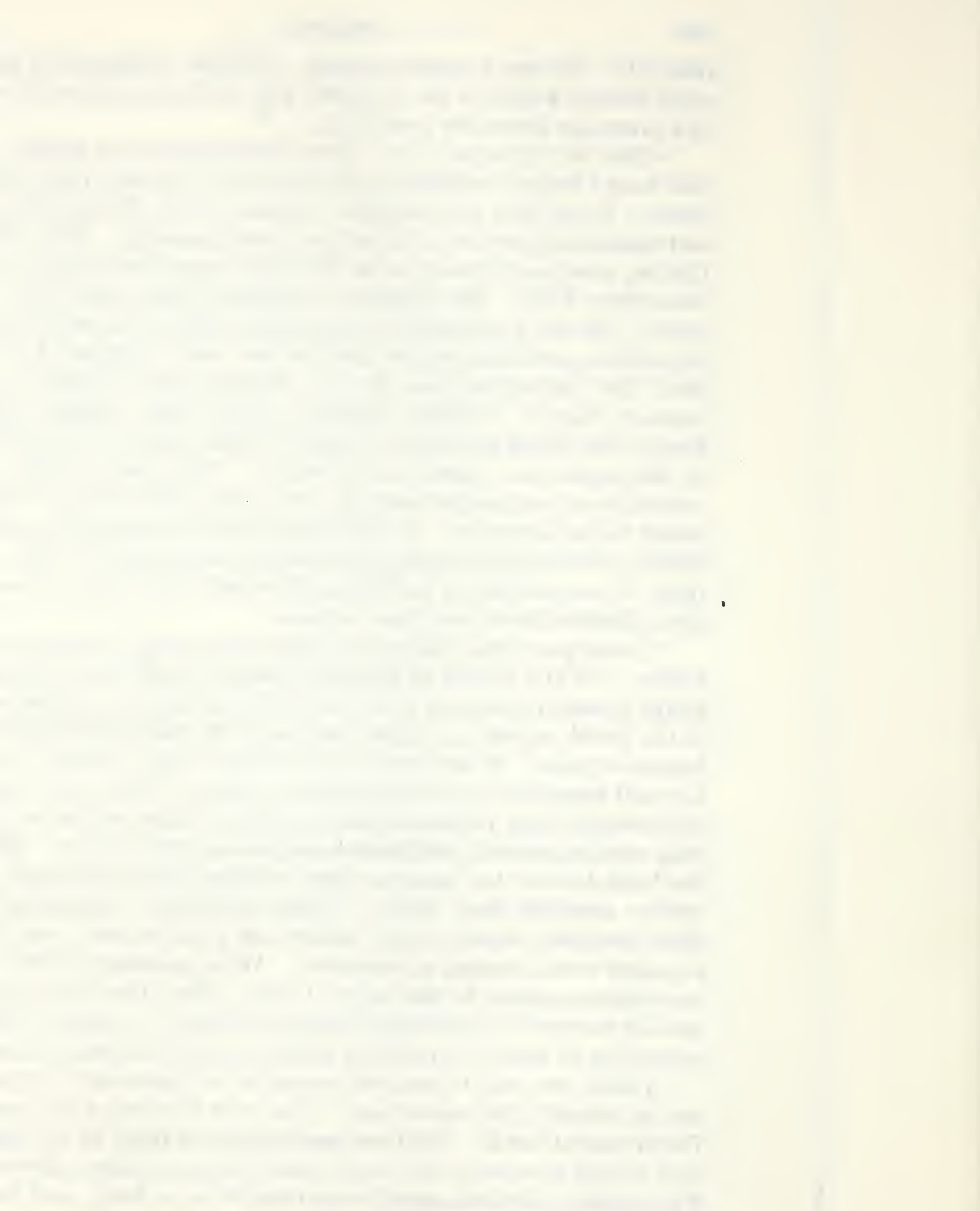


principle. He was a useful minister. His last residence for many years was on a farm in the northerly part of Oxford, where he died at a great age about the year 1832.

After Mr. Prindle, Rev. Aaron Humphreys was pastor, but how long I do not certainly know; but it may be some ten years or more. I can give no particular account of Mr. Humphreys' life and ministerial service in Oxford, not being advised. Rev. W. A. Curtiss, a native of Coventry, in this State, came here in April, 1829, from New York. His pastorate continued little more than two years. He was a preacher of considerable ability, but such was his imprudence and indiscretion that he was ever upsetting his own dish. Rev. Ashbel Baldwin, Rev. Dr. Burhans, Revs. Messrs. Todd, Sanford, Marvin, Nichols, Eastman, Loop, Gray, Smith, Clark, Pierce, (for about ten years,) Annetel, Buck, were in turn in charge of the parish and church as Presbyter. The church edifice first erected stood on the hill westerly from the central street and adjacent to the cemetery. It was taken down and removed, and the edifice now standing on the Public Green was erected in the year 1834. It was dedicated by Bishop Brownell in the year following. Rev. Charles Smith was then minister.

To the year 1798, Oxford was part and parcel of the town of Derby. As any matter of historical nature would be so much of Derby's history, we must consider Oxford people as a community in the parish capacity. About the year 1791, the people aspired to become a town. It was then they preferred their petition to the General Assembly for incorporation as such. Year after year to the seventh, they presented their petition, when on the seventh they were successful, and Oxford was incorporated a town. Not in the least daunted for being six times repulsed, they persevered until victory crowned their efforts. Their indomitable determination, their energetic action, their unfaltering perseverance, are to be regarded with admiring approbation. When speaking of this with one who was active in the cause, I said, "How long were you in gaining success by prevailing with your petition?" He said, "Seven years; just as long as it took our country to gain her independence."

I must not omit to say, the people at last resorted to strategy, and by strategy they succeeded. The town election of the town of Derby was at hand. The town meeting was warned to be held at nine o'clock forenoon, but never opened till one o'clock afternoon. The people of Oxford agreed to go together in a body, and be on



hand and ready to open the meeting of the town at nine o'clock a. m. It was carried out to the letter. The hour of meeting was set and known to every man who might vote. They all congregated and formed in procession on the main street of the central part, and ready at a given signal simultaneously to start. The signal



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given, the procession moved. It was so much the custom then to open a town meeting with prayer, that proceedings without prayer were hardly regarded as legitimate. To save trouble from that direction, Rev. Wm. Bronson, minister here, was taken along to



offer the opening prayer. The signal for a move being given, the procession moved on; no time was lost. They reached the place of meeting; it was nine o'clock; they set about the business of the hour with a diligence that told what was meant. The Derby people were in consternation. They started out and ran their horses in every direction, calling on persons to hasten to the meeting. But before enough of the voters could be gotten there to outnumber the Oxford voters, Nathan Stiles, who resided where Dr. Thomas Stoddard now resides in the town of Seymour, was chosen Town Clerk, and the meeting had voted that town meetings should be holden one-half the time in Oxford. Derby no longer opposed the movement of Oxford to become a separate town, but turned over and aided in the matter. These facts were given me by Capt. David McEwen, a prominent citizen, one ever ready and active in public enterprise, a man of laudable character, a farmer by avocation, and when in the prime of life was one of the most thorough, flourishing and successful operators. I am told he was marshal of the day and led the procession. In and by the act of incorporation, it was ordered that the first town meeting be held on the third Tuesday of November, 1798, that Thomas Clark, Esq., warned the meeting, and that John Riggs, Esq., served the meeting as moderator. It will at once be seen that the people then as a town community were in a crude state, and without authority vested in themselves for town organization. The town meeting was held in accordance with the foregoing. One who was in attendance told me that snow fell heavier than we often know it to fall, yet the meeting was as fully attended as any town meeting he had known in this town. The public green of the central part is made up of what is called "Meeting-house acre land," given by a Mr. Chatfield, for a site for a meeting house, and of land thrown out by proprietors or owners along down on the easterly side till it ends upon the turnpike road. This constitutes what is called Upper Green. It was at the time agreed that anything of rubbish or whatever could encumber the ground so thrown out and left thereon, should, if left there lying thirty days, become forfeit to the owner. The lower green is proprietors' land and laid by the proprietors' committee for a public common and a military parade ground. Esq. Charles Bunnell told what I am about to state. The committee came along as was expected, in their way above to lay out land. As they were passing, he, (Bunnell,) spoke with them of the land



now constituting the Green, and requested them to lay out for public use. They replied that they would consider the matter. As they returned he was stationed to hear their reply to his request. They said they so laid out the land as he requested. Charles Bunnell was unselfish and public spirited, a worthy, respectable and respected citizen. In the confidence of the people—he was prominent in position. His residence was that of our late fellow-citizen, Harry Sutton. He died March, 1838, aged 80 years. The land was in a forbidding state, being a thickly grown bramble. The people turned out under the lead of a committee, three military officers of the day and time, to-wit: Capt. John Davis, (afterward Colonel,) Lieut. Samuel Andrew Buckingham, and Ensign Ebenezer Fairchild. They cleared the land of rubbish, and brought it to its present desirable condition. This was done at a large expense of time and money. The whole public common, both upper and lower, were laid out and improved under the lead of the same committee, as I was informed by Lieut. Buckingham, (afterward Captain). This may be regarded a prominent instance of perseverance in public enterprise.

Before the lay and building of the turnpike road, public travel was not as it now is, but passed over easterly by the schoolhouse in the center, on to what we now call back street, and down. The dwelling house now occupied by Michael Flynn was the hotel kept by Mr. Gideon Tucker.

Not the least interesting section of Oxford is Quaker Farms. I could wish I had more of historical fact of this section to narrate. It was the earliest part of the town settled. Next to Quaker Farms, a neighborhood in the northerly part of the town, bordering on what is now called Middlebury, once called Bristol Town, was settled in advance of the central part. Quaker Farms is a region of valuable land. It is not surprising it was early sought for. The first English inhabitant of Oxford, as I take from record, was Dr. Butler, a quaker and hunter, who for some years from the year 1715, had a hermit residence. He lived about forty rods southerly from the old burying ground, northwest side of the brook, under the hill at the turn of the road. The locality must be the turn of the road easterly from the house once the residence of the late Capt. Nathaniel Wooster, and the residence of the present Silas Hawkins. The first English person born in Oxford was Lieut. John Griffin, born in 1725, died 1821, aged 96 years. Lieut. Griffin was



distinguished as a soldier in the French war, was lieutenant in the army—he spent his summers in campaign service, coming home for winter and returning to duty in the spring, for three consecutive campaigns, and at last a victor under Wolfe upon the plains of Abraham before Quebec. The facts of his soldier life were given me by his son-in-law, Wm. Morris.

The first, second and third births in Oxford occurred at Quaker Farms. The third was Dr. Joseph Perry, of Woodbury. Perry was a prominent name with the first inhabitants of Quaker Farms; so also was Wooster, Hawkins, Hyde, Nichols, et. al. Perry, a name once numerous and respected, of which but one, Capt. H. A. Perry, is there to tell of the name that was. Capt. Zachariah Hawkins, a farmer; his house stood on the site of the Meigs dwelling house—a substantial man of sound judgment, and a valuable citizen. Silas and Charles Hawkins, his grandsons, and Lewis, John and Samuel Hawkins, his great-grandsons, represent the name. Of the Wooster name there were many. They were mostly farmers. Nathan, a son of Arthur Wooster, was a graduate from Yale College. He was educated with the intention of being a clergyman of the Church of England. He lived and died on his farm at Quaker Farms. Joseph Wooster, located on Good Hill, was an enterprising farmer. Sixteen was the number of his sons and daughters. Rev. Henry Wooster, minister of the Baptist Church at Deep River, was a son of Joseph Wooster, Jr., and was a man of culture, in popular standing, and well approved as a useful minister. He is deceased.

Col. Wm. B. Wooster, of Birmingham, a popular politician and a well-known and influential lawyer, being well approved; a son of Russell Wooster, and was also a grandson of Joseph Wooster. He took an active and valorous part as a loyalist, contesting against the secessionists in the late civil war. Capt. Nathaniel Wooster was a noteworthy citizen, and by trade a blacksmith. He died at a great age, little short of 90 years. Capt. Ira Hyde, and Marcus, his son, represent the Hyde name. Hon. Benjamin Nichols alone represents the Nichols' name. Subsequently there was the name of Tomlinson, of which name, David Tomlinson was in his day a distinguished citizen. Mr. Tomlinson entered Quaker Farms an emigrant from Woodbury, and that when young I should think, from information given me, at the age of 18 or 20. He was then placed in charge of land there owned by his father. His wife was



a daughter of Jabez Bacon, of Woodbury. He was a merchant, and as such an extensive operator. He began in a small way and enlarged as he advanced, and as I was told, first occupying a room in the chamber of his dwelling as a salesroom. He was remarkably successful in his business. His business as a merchant was extensive beyond that known of any other for many miles radius; and not the less so were his operations as an agriculturist. His acres numbered 1,500. Whatever the soil, he applied what was suitable to the peculiarity. Seldom did his land lie idle for lack of application. Possessed of a keen discernment, he at once saw as he set his eye upon the spot, what he could put there. The late Judge Phelps, of Woodbury, remarked of Mr. Tomlinson that he was the best specimen of a patroon there was in Connecticut. He chartered vessels, fitted and put to sea. Once his vessel and cargo were taken by French privateers. Such and other losses embarrassed his estate. He was eleven times sent to the House of Representatives, and when he died, which occurred March, 1822, aged 60 years, he was a member of the State Senate. His eldest son, Charles, is living, and is over 90 years of age. Samuel Meigs, a member of the Tomlinson family by marriage, lived, reared his family, spent his day and time, and died, at Quaker Farms. His last days he spent as a farmer; earlier he was storekeeper in Mr. Tomlinson's employ. He several times represented Oxford in the House, was Judge of the County Court, and many years a Justice of the Peace. His two sons, David T. and Charles A., are merchants, occupying what was the stand of their grandfather.

The Quaker Farms Episcopal Church must have been erected some time between the years 1812 and 1815. It was at first a chapel. By and by it was dedicated an Episcopal church and took the name of Christ Church. So Quaker Farms became a separate parish.

What Oxford was a hundred years ago, (1776,) may be perceived from what is written of Oxford as parishes. Oxford, a hundred years ago, townwise, was Derby. Anything of town history would not be a history of Oxford, but of Derby, and therefore, at the breaking out of the war of Independence, (as it resulted,) what part was taken and to what extent by Oxford people, if found on record at all, would be found at Derby and as Derby's part in the scene enacted. As the people of that age, as may be seen from their works that follow, were a sturdy, stout-fisted yeomanry, the soil of whom was their wealth, from which they gained their support

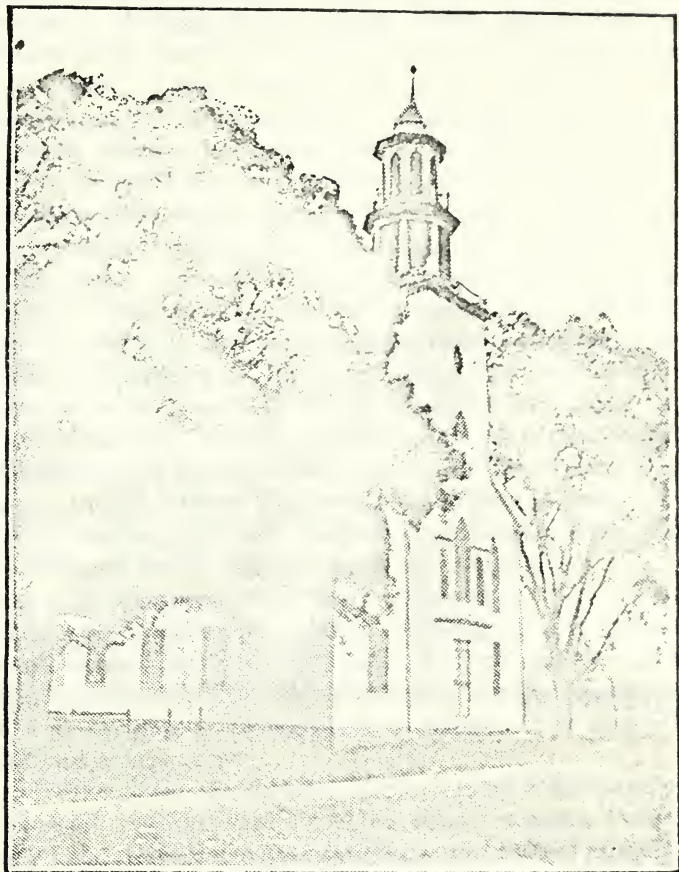


and drew their abundance, and well principled and forward in every good word and work, we may believe that love of country prevailed with them, and that they were forward in discharge of duty. Upon my early acquaintance, there were eight revolutionary pensioners, Oxford men. How many might have laid down their lives in their country's cause does not appear. The names of the pensioners are Capt. Samuel Candee, Capt. Job Candee, David Peck, Edward Bassett, Isaac Chatfield, Timothy Johnson, Phineas Johnson, and Jeremiah M. Kelly.

Mr. Timothy Johnson related to me an incident that I must not omit to mention. The corps of which he was one, was on the bank of the Hudson, under Gen. Wayne, and in presence of Washington. Wayne besought Washington for a permit to lay siege to the British fortress on the bank of the Hudson called Stony Point. Wayne was refused permission. He besought a second time. Washington said the undertaking was too hazardous, it could not be successful, and refused him permission, believing it would be but a sacrifice of men. Wayne, nothing daunted, applied a third time to the Commander-in-Chief for his permit; told his plan and expressed his confidence of success. This he did with earnestness, such as told of the will to his purpose. Permission was granted him. He was allowed to pick his men. Timothy Johnson, my narrator, was one chosen, and, as I think he said, his brother Phineas was another. The men chosen, they onward marched to the onslaught. Washington reviewed them as they passed—he looked very sober, and thought they would all be killed. They were marched in to the enemy's picket. They halted. They were fast. Wayne came along with a piece of bread and meat in his hand, saying, "Blood may run in rivers; any one who desires it may leave the ranks and he should not be branded with cowardice." But one left. Wayne then went through the line of troops and took the flints from every gun, that there should not be a gun fired giving light for the enemy's aim. The night was densely dark. All made ready and about to commence the march. Wayne said, "Death to the man that attempts to leave or falters in duty." Onward they marched and soon came upon the enemy's picket. The picket hailed. No answer. He fired and ran. Wayne and his force ran after him. The fortress was encircled with the limbs of the apple trees piled thick and high, the twigs of which were sharpened to a point, so that it would seem impossible to get over



or break through. But, said Mr. Johnson, "We we so close upon the sentinel or picket, that he could not fill the gap made for him; we ran through the same and so entered the enclosure." The enemy in the meantime kept up a brisk fire, but not a man was hit.



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They made up to the walls of the fort, and set about scaling. The man first over the wall was killed, the only one lost of the detachment. The contest was sharp and severe, but short. The British soldiery surrendered. Wayne received a severe wound with a cutlass over the eye, a cut in such a manner as to cause the eyelid to

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Figure 1. A line graph showing a fluctuating trend over time.

The graph illustrates the relationship between time and value. The x-axis represents time, and the y-axis represents the value. The data points are connected by a line, showing a series of peaks and troughs. The highest peak is located towards the right side of the graph, indicating a maximum value at that point. The overall trend of the graph is upward, suggesting a general increase in value over time, despite the local fluctuations.

fall. "He bled like a butcher," as it was told me. Wayne said that he would ever be proud of carrying the scar of that wound. A noble instance of American valor, and though a hundred years ago, we, of the present day, may look back upon such deeds of our ancestors, of which there were many, and pride ourselves that we were born of Anglo-Saxon blood. With pleasure and with pride we behold the bravery of Oxford's sons in so daring a display.

In 1861, at the breaking out of the Civil war, Oxford's sons proved equal to the emergency. Cheerfully they left their homes and with alacrity they proceeded to the scene of the war. No fewer than seventy-five men entered the loyal army by enlistment, as I, who then kept the record, very well know. Of this number but few, probably not more than five, disgraced themselves by desertion. Mainly they stood manfully at their post and bravely fought the battles of their country, and so continued till crowned with victory over the enemy. Thanks and more than thanks are due to them. They are deserving of our gratitude in the highest degree, for to them we owed our safety and our peaceful enjoyment of our comfortable homes. May they ere long, through the liberality of our government, be pensioned for life. Long life, with comfort abounding, be theirs; so may they enjoy much of the fruits of their toil, their privation, their suffering, their exposure upon the battle field.

When I began acquaintance here, fifty years ago, the people were more numerous than now. Then they were, with very few, if any, exceptions, an orderly, industrious and frugal people; a people content with their wages and happy in their circumstances. They respected worth, they venerated age. Character was esteemed, a good name was sought for—a people to be desired for neighbors and companions.

In the cause of education they scarcely soared above the popular school. In the year 1798, the school society, (which included the whole of the town,) was divided into school districts. School houses were built and schools supported long before that. Suffice it to say, the districts favorably maintained their schools without hindrance of course or progress; it being the purpose to educate the rising generation to a fair business standing.

Within the last fifty years, select schools have been kept for many a term, through which many were qualified for teaching, some of whom reached celebrity. Eight of Oxford's sons that I know and have heard of, graduated from college.



Though the town was, and ever has been, chiefly agricultural, fifty years ago there was mechanical and manufacturing business done here. Hats were made here. Mr. Crosby, at the head of the shop, told me that at one time he had seventyfive men in his employ. There was a shop for the manufacture of edged tools, by Mr. Towner. There were also coopers, not less than four shops; blacksmiths, tailors, shoemakers, etc., all in and about the central part.

We look over the population now and compare it with that of fifty or more years ago. Who were they then and who are they now? Then the Candee names were many; now but two. Caleb, the first of the Candee name, emigrated from West Haven. He had his house where John Candee's house now stands. There he raised nine sons, who were remarkable for longevity. John and Sterne Candee are great-grandsons. Lieut. Samuel Wheeler, an early settler from Stratford, was prominent as a business operator. Robert Wheeler, his great-grandson, occupies in his stead. Of the Wheeler name, that of Abel stands forth as prominently as any other. The utmost confidence was placed in him, and trust without limit conferred. He was sent to the House of Representatives ten times. As Justice of the Peace he was dispenser of justice; Judge of the County Court, and one of the State Senators. He died in 1830, aged 65 years. Riggs, a prominent name, once numerous, now but one family of that name. Capt. Ebenezer Riggs, a valuable citizen in his day, is represented by his grandson of the same name. Esq. John Riggs, a public spirited and respected citizen, raised a family of ten—five sons and five daughters. He built houses and settled his sons in a row with his own dwelling, so many that they named the street "Riggs street,"—not one of the name now left. The name of Davis, of which John Davis was eminent in the military line. He reached the position of Colonel, commanding the 2d Regiment Connecticut militia. The military force of his jurisdiction was essentially improved under his guidance and direction. He retained his faculties remarkably till his death, which occurred when 95 years of age. Dr. Hosea Dutton, from Southington, was an early settler here. He spent his life in the practice of his profession, and died September, 1826, aged 72 years. He was a man remarkable for application, a useful physician, an influential politician, not only at home, but as a writer. Dr. Noah Stone, from Guilford, came here about the year 1810. He was a

valued practitioner, a man exemplary in life, correct in deportment, a fair model for imitation. He died March, 1851, aged 69 years. Rev. A. L. Stone, of San Francisco, and David M. Stone, editor of the New York Journal of Commerce, were his sons. Mrs. Hubbell, authoress of the "Shady Side," was his daughter. As may be seen we come and go and others come. Well is the world compared to a stage, and all the men and women to actors. The stage is vacated and again supplied by troops of succeeding pilgrims.



Oxford Members of the Legislature.

The representatives of the town of Oxford from the time of its incorporation in 1798 have been as follows:

- 1799, Thomas Clark, John Riggs.
- 1800, Ebenezer Riggs, David Tomlinson.
- 1801, Ebenezer Riggs, Isaac Nichols.
- 1802, Thomas Clark, Abel Wheeler.
- 1803, David Tomlinson, two terms.
- 1804, Charles Bunnell, Justus Candee.
- 1805, Ebenezer Riggs, two terms.
- 1806, Philo Holbrook, two terms.
- 1807-8, Abel Wheeler, four terms.
- 1809, David Tomlinson, two terms.
- 1810, Justus Candee, David Tomlinson.
- 1811, David Tomlinson, two terms.
- 1812, Abel Wheeler, David Tomlinson.
- 1813, David Tomlinson, Justus Candee.
- 1814, David Tomlinson, Timothy Candee.
- 1815, Charles Bunnell, two terms.
- 1816, Jared Hawley, Abiram Stoddard.
- 1817, Jared Hawley, two terms.
- 1818, Jared Hawley, Abel Wheeler.

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| 1819-20-21, Abel Wheeler. | 1833, Nathan B. Fairchild. |
| 1822, Levi Candee. | 1834, Samuel Meigs. |
| 1823, Elias Scott. | 1835, Sheldon Clark. |
| 1824, Joel Perry. | 1836, Hiram Osborn. |
| 1825-6, Sheldon Clark. | 1837, Chauncey M. Hatch. |
| 1827-8, Hiram Osborn. | 1838, Aurelius Buckingham. |
| 1829-30, Samuel Meigs. | 1839, Hiram Osborn. |
| 1831, Horace Candee. | 1840, Sheldon Church. |
| 1832, Samuel Wire. | 1841, David M. Clark. |

THE HISTORY OF THE
CITY OF BOSTON

FROM THE FIRST SETTLEMENT TO THE PRESENT TIME
BY SAMUEL JOHNSON

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1633	First hospital of the city of Boston
1634	First library of the city of Boston
1635	First printing-house of the city of Boston
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1842, Nathan J. Wilcoxson.

1843, No choice.

George M. Candee had 151 votes, Samuel Wire 131, scattering 41. A plurality did not then elect.

1844, Sheldon Church.

1845, No choice.

On the first ballot Joel White had 134 votes, Joseph Connor 119, Samuel Wire 29, scattering 8. On the second ballot White had 133; on the third ballot 145.

1846, Joel White.

1847, Everett Booth.

1848, Alfred Harger.

1849, Joel Osborn.

1850, Clark Botsford.

1851, Nathaniel Walker.

1852, Garry Riggs.

1853, Lewis Davis.

1854, Lucius Fuller.

1855, Ransom Hudson.

1856, Hiram Osborn.

1857, Josiah Nettleton.

1858, Burritt Davis.

1859, William H. Clark.

1860, James H. Buckingham.

1861, David R. Lum.

1862, Benjamin Nichols.

1863, Robert Wheeler.

1864, Abiram Ward

1865, George Lum.

1866, Burr J. Davis.

1867, Charles D. R. Perkins.

1868, Burr J. Davis.

1869-70, Egbert L. Warner.

1871, Burr J. Beecher.

1872, Robert B. Limburner.

1873-4, Ebenezer Riggs.

1875, Smith C. Wheeler.

1876-7, Gideon A. Johnson.

1878, Harvey W. Chatfield.

1879, James H. Bartlett.

1880-1, John B. Pope.

1882, James H. Bartlett.

1883, Orlando C. Osborn.

1884, Smith C. Wheeler.

1885, Charles H. Butler.

1886, Nichols French.

BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

1887, Glover W. Cable.

1889, Orlando C. Osborn.

1891-3, Charles H. Butler.

1895, George P. Sanford.

1897, Sam'l W. Buckingham.

1899-1901, William O. Davis.

1903-5, John B. Pope.

1907, Glover W. Cable.

1909, Charles B. Johnson.

STATE SENATORS.

The State Senators from Oxford who have represented this senatorial district in the General Assembly have been as follows:

David Tomlinson, 1820-1821.

Benjamin Nichols, 1875-1876.



FREEMASONRY IN OXFORD.

In the palmy years of Oxford's manufacturing industries, Freemasonry flourished here, there being a lodge of Master Masons and a chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Morning Star Lodge, No. 47, was instituted October 18, 1804, and was continued here until 1848, after which it was removed to Seymour.

Eureka Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, was instituted here October 12, 1826, with the following members present, most of them being members of Morning Star Lodge:

Samuel Wire,	Jonah Nettleton,	G. Rawson,
Chauncey M. Hatch,	Ebenezer Fisher,	J. Manville,
David M. Clark,	William Jones,	S. Steele,
Merrit Bradley,	D. Kimberly,	Lewis Candee,
David McCuen,	T. Lee,	S. C. Pottaker,
Harry Smith,	L. Smith,	G. Smith,
Lyman Riggs,	A. Colt,	J. Potter.
N. Osborne,	H. Thomas,	

Convocations were held in Masonic Hall, Oxford. "on the second Wednesday previous to the full of the moon, in March, June, September and December of each year." The early records of the Chapter contain many items of interest, some of which show that a great change has taken place since the earlier days in the manner of conducting business. Until 1840, convocations were held quite regularly, and the Chapter seems to have been fairly prosperous. But about this time business in Oxford began to decline and the various members removed to other towns. The transfer to Woodbury of the Chapter which had been instituted in the town of Washington cut off an important jurisdiction from Eureka Chapter. For these reasons the convocations became less frequent, and at a meeting held on the 29th of February, 1844, it was "voted to adjourn until convened by special order of the High Priest." No



record appears of any convocations of the Chapter in Oxford after this date. The High Priests of the Chapter during its continuance in Oxford were:

Samuel Wire, 1825, 1827, 1831.

Chauncey M. Hatch, 1828, 1838.

David M. Clark, 1829, 1830, 1839, 1847.

Henry C. Atwood, 1832, 1833.

John M. Hunt, 1834, 1837.

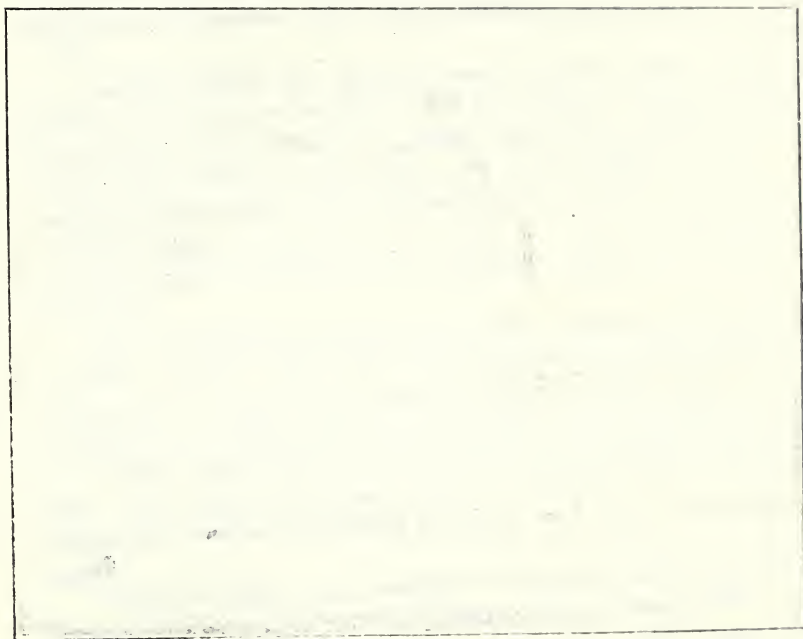
In 1844 the Chapter "voted to adjourn until convened by special order of the High Priest," and in 1847 was removed to Waterbury. The following list of members is of value as showing some whose names do not elsewhere appear, who were sojourners in this vicinity during the years that the Chapter flourished.

Henry C. Atwood,	George D. Hine,
Washington H. Atwood,	Harry Hine,
John Barry,	William Hinman,
Ezra L. Bassett,	Gad Hitchcock,
Merrit Bradley,	John M. Hunt,
Treat Bradley,	William H. Hunter,
Shelden Bristol,	Martin Jackson,
Beach Brothwell,	William Jones,
Moody M. Brown,	Jesse Joy,
Henry Burton,	D. Kimberley,
Thomas Buxton,	George T. Leach,
Cyrenus Candee,	T. Lee,
Lewis Candee,	John Lum,
Lewis R. Churchill,	William Lum,
David M. Clark,	William Lum, Jr.
Smith Clark,	John C. Lusk,
A. Colt,	J. Manville,
William T. Colt,	David McCuen,
Seth Crosby,	Mitchell S. Mitchell,
Rev. William A. Curtiss,	Martin Moody,
Thomas A. Dutton,	Jonah Nettleton,
George Finch,	Enos Osborn,
Ebenezer Fisher,	Harvey Osborn,
George Giddings,	N. Osborn,
George Gunn,	Charles Peck,
Alfred Harger,	S. C. Potaker,
Chauncey M. Hatch,	J. Potter,



Charles Ransom,
Lyman Riggs,
Harry Smith,
John Smith,
Willis Smith,
John Snyder,
R. C. Steele,
S. Steele,
Noah Stone,

H. Thomas,
Julius S. Tolls,
Abel Wheeler,
Moses Wheeler,
Nathan J. Wilcoxson,
Sydney R. Wildman,
Clark Wooster,
Joseph D. Wooster.



THE GRIFFIN HOUSE, ON FIVE MILE HILL.
BUILT BY SILAS SPERRY.

THE GRIFFIN FAMILY.

This family appears to have been quite prominent in the early history of Oxford. Jonathan Griffin's house was designated in 1741 as one of the places for posting notices of the Congregational society



meetings. The society was incorporated in that year, by act of the General Assembly, but some time elapsed before the new church was fully organized and it was not until 1745 that he was "received to communion from ye Pastor and Chh of Christ in Ripton, bairing Date Oct. 27th. 1745." Mehitable Griffin, wife of Jonathan, was received from the church in West Haven under date of Jan. 22, 1746. He is mentioned in the record of a town meeting held in March, 1733, as "one of the Quaker Farms men." He died June 2, 1773, aged 82 years, and his wife died Nov. 5, 1789. One Mehitable Griffin died in Oxford Oct. 23, 1794, aged 104 years. A second Jonathan Griffin, probably son of the above, married Lydia ——— and had two children, John and Mehitable, the latter born July 6, 1798.

Samuel Griffin was granted land in April, 1675, provided he settle and "set up ye trade of a smith and do ye town's work," and it is recorded that "Samuel Griffin, blacksmith, settled near John Hull's mill at Northend in 1682, and John Griffin in 1685." It is quite likely that the mill mentioned was a corn mill, as under date of Nov. 20, 1708, a boundary is recorded as "on the easterly side of the highway that goeth from Ebenezer Harger's to the present corn mill."

At a Derby town meeting held Feb. 9, 1680, a lot was granted to John Griffin, "with other convenient lands belonging to it as they grant to other young men, provided he settle upon the place and build and fence and attend ye town order made April 10, 1675."

Lieut. John Griffin lived opposite the old Quaker Farms cemetery. He fought under Gen. Wolf at Quebec and when off duty during the winter returned to his home and was a successful deer hunter.

Charles Griffin was a resident of Oxford as early as 1754, as he "owned his covenant" in the Congregational church Feb. 17th of that year, and three of his children, Catharine, John, (born Dec. 30, 1753,) and Huldah, were baptized by Rev. Mr. Lyman, the latter two on ——— 11, 1756. From the Derby records it appears that he married Catharine Wisebry Dec. 4, 1751. The daughter Catharine married Abner Wolcott Jan. 8, 1772. One Hulda Griffin married Isaac Clark May 27, 1801.

Lieut. John Griffin of Oxford is mentioned under date of April 6, 1777, when his wife Dinah, from N. Cheshire, was admitted to church fellowship. In the Colonial Records, vol. xv., p. 341, is a

record of the appointment of John Griffin as Lieutenant of the 12th Company in the 3d Regiment, and in the "Record of Connecticut Men in the War of the Revolution," p. 631, he is mentioned as in Lieut. Col. Storrs' Regiment at New York in the fall of '76. He was born at Quaker Farms in 1725 and was the first white person born in the town of Oxford. He died in February, 1819, aged 94 years.

John Griffin had land and a home on Good Hill in 1752, as in that year a highway, (three rods wide,) was laid out through his land, "crossing the brook below the dam and running round the south end of the pond," as appears from the records of the Quaker Farms Purchase, from which it is probable he had a mill there.

Elisha Griffin and Mary his wife lived for some years at the foot of Pisgah hill, but later moved to what was known as the Stoddard place on Hull's Hill. He is recorded as having taken the freeman's oath in Derby, April 13, 1778. He died in 1814, aged 82. His wife died Mar. 13, 1805. They had seven children:

David, d. June 26, 1777, aged 9 y.

Peleg.

Mary, bap. Sept. 14, 1777; m. Lemuel Lake of Newtown Mar. 22, 1812.

Ozias, d. Mar. 23, 1796.

John, lived near New Milford, has a son who was a missionary in Oregon.

Zalmon, m. Betsy Lewis Mar 28, 1804. He lived on the east side of the Housatonic river, about half a mile south of Bennett's bridge.

Jonathan, settled in Vermont.

Peleg Griffin, son of Elisha and Mary, lived on Hull's Hill. He m. 1st, Sally Mitchell, by whom he had two children. She died Dec. 30, 1803. 2d, Margaret Botsford. His children were:

Sophia, m. Fred Whitmore.

Charles, a sailor, d. unmarried.

Harvey, m. Maria Bristol, d. in Derby, in 1878.

William, b. Feb. 7, 1814.

Isaac, m. in New York state.

Caroline, m. Sherman Lewis of Stratford.

Several of the family were buried in an old burying ground 70 or 80 rods south of the house, on the road that leads to the river. Only one tombstone there; the Beardsley tombstone was taken

away. Sophia was taken to Newtown when her mother died and brought up there and married Fred Whitmore of Newtown. Peleg Griffin died at Newtown, at the house of his daughter, Sophia, and was buried in Newtown. His second wife died May 22, 1841.

Zalmon Griffin, brother of Peleg, lived on the bank of the Housatonic, two and a half miles below Zoar bridge. He died in 1836.

William Griffin, son of Peleg and Margaret, and Laura Sperry, daughter of Silas and Lucinda (Chatfield) Sperry, were married in Humphreysville Dec. 30, 1839, by Rev. John D. Smith. They lived in the stone house on Five Mile Hill, shown on another page, built by Silas Sperry. She died in Oxford Mar. 3, 1905, aged 88. Their daughter, Betsy Maria, died June 25, 1860, aged 16 y. 10 m. 15 d.

Mabel Griffin of Oxford and Lewis Stanchcliff of South Britain m. Nov. 30, 1784.

Nancy P. Griffin and Benjamin F. Lines were married in Seymour Mar. 30, 1856.

Thomas Griffin died in Seymour Dec. 20, 1875, aged 80. One record says Jan. 10, 1876.

OXFORD PROBATE COURT.

Oxford was incorporated as a Probate District June 4, 1846, and the legislature appointed Nathan J. Wilcoxson as Judge. Dr. Noah Stone was in like manner appointed and served two years, and afterwards Judge Wilcoxson was judge from Jan., 1850 to 1866, when his term expired by limitation of age. He was succeeded by Joel Osborn who served one year, resigning on account of ill health. Nathaniel Walker followed and served for seven years.

Dr. Lewis Barnes was the next elected, and he continued for a period of twentythree years, from 1872 until 1895, until he reached the age which is the statutory limitation for the performance of the duties of the office. Walter H. Perry was then elected. His term of two years expired Jan. 6th, 1897, when he was succeeded by George W. Hoxie, who continued in that office twelve years. John B. Sanford, the present Judge of Probate, was elected Nov. 3, 1908, and entered upon the duties of the office Jan. 6, 1909.

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 1888-89 season. The first part of the report is devoted to
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ROBERT BRUCE LIMBURNER.

Oxford has been the home of many men who have exemplified the sterling qualities of energy, enterprise, integrity, patriotism, and all the christian virtues that have made New England famous among the best in christian lands, and from whence have gone out so many to be leaders in all that is best in other commonwealths and communities, and among those whom a younger generation has delighted to honor, none stands higher than Robert Bruce Limburner, who was born in Oxford March 20, 1821, of a Scotch paternal ancestry. His father, John Limburner, (originally Limeburner,) was a son of James Limburner, of Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, the native place of the poet Burns, and was born in 1777. When he was 18 years old, in 1795, he came to America, living first in New York, but later settled in New Haven, where he followed his trade as a cooper, which occupation brought him to Oxford about 1797. He carried on this business until 1829, when he removed to Derby, and from that place, in 1846, to Washington, Conn., where he died in 1860. He was a very energetic mechanic and a man of the highest principles. He married Fanny, a daughter of Henry Martin, of Woodbridge, who died in Oxford Oct. 14, 1830, aged fifty years. They had nine children, one of whom died in youth, the others attaining mature years, as follows:

Janette, born July 5, 1803, died July 18, 1812.

Mary, born May 8, 1806, married John Wooster, of Oxford.

Jane, born May 12, 1808, residence Oxford.

John, born March 20, 1810, removed to Ohio.

Lydia, born Feb. 18, 1812, married Miles Nichols, of Waterbury.

James Wallace, born Feb. 9, 1814, residence South Norwalk.

Janette, born Sept. 17, 1816, married Henry Wooding of Cheshire.

Harriet, born Oct. 29, 1818, married Alonzo Rabe, of Waterbury.

Robert Bruce, born March 20, 1821.

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When Robert was nine years old his mother died, leaving him in the care of a married sister, Mrs. John Wooster, with whom he lived on the farm until he was 16 years of age, attending the district school. He was then apprenticed to learn the trade of a blacksmith, at Washington, in Litchfield county, and after serving four years, followed that occupation as a journeyman. He was employed as a machinist in the works of Herman Baldwin, of Washington, where he remained seven years. The next four years he carried on a foundry and machine shop in his own name, but later, for a number of years, was the proprietor of a wood turning establishment, which had a large output. In 1863 he removed from Washington to Southford, where he engaged in a new line of manufacture, making straw paper boards of all kinds, in which he was very successful. At the end of the seven years he sold his interest to White & Wells, of Waterbury, who built the new mill there. He then retired from mechanical pursuits, making his home in Oxford, at Red City, and giving much of his time to the public affairs of his native town.

He was called upon to serve his native town in various capacities, and was alike efficient in his services in behalf of the town and of the Congregational church, of which he was one of the mainstays, serving as deacon, as treasurer, and as Sundayschool superintendent.

While living in Washington in 1860 he had been elected to represent that town in the legislature, and in 1872 represented Oxford in the same body, being the first republican elected in twentyone years. He cast his first vote for President for Henry Clay, and had belonged to the republican party from its first organization, yet he held the fullest confidence of his fellow citizens without regard to party.

He was married in 1845 to Emeline Williams, of Washington, Conn., who died in 1852, leaving a daughter, Josephine E., born in 1846, who became the wife of Samuel Buckingham, of Oxford, and had one son, Robert, dying in 1876. On March 18, 1874, Mr. Limburner married Ellen M., daughter of Ebenezer and Betsey (Sperry) Buckingham, of Oxford. Her father was a descendant of Thomas Buckingham, who was one of the first New Haven planters in 1637, coming there with the first colonists.





DAVID J. McEWEN.

Another of Oxford's representative men was David J. McEwen, also of honored Scotch parentage. His ancestor, Robert McEwen, of Stratford, Conn., the first of his line to settle in this country, was born in Dundee, Scotland, in 1612. He was obliged to leave Scotland because of his refusal to acknowledge the supremacy of the king, for which refusal he was prosecuted, fined, imprisoned, and his property confiscated. He, with about one hundred others, was banished from the country and sent to Virginia. They sailed from Perth, Scotland, in September, 1685. After being at sea some days, they were overtaken by a heavy eastern gale which lasted fourteen days. When the gale had abated they found themselves near the New York harbor. The ship was then in a sinking condition, and in order to save their lives they ran the ship ashore at a place called Amboy, New Jersey, Dec. 18, 1685. There they formed

a settlement which they called Perth Amboy, after the place from which they had sailed. Mr. McEwen was a tailor by trade. In Feb., 1686, he removed to Stratford, Conn. He married Sarah, daughter of Timothy and Joannah (Birdsey) Wilcoxson, of Stratford, June 20, 1695. He died Feb. 24, 1739-40.

David McEwen, great-grandson of Robert and Sarah McEwen, settled in Oxford and filled a number of offices of responsibility and trust in the gift of his townsmen, and was master of Morning Star Lodge, F. & A. M., for four years. He died March 11, 1842.

David J. McEwen, son of David McEwen, lived on the plateau at the summit of the high hill between Oxford Center and Quaker Farms, where from 1846 to 1860 he kept a boarding school, and many are those who in after years remembered with gratitude the kindly instruction and New England training received there. Politically he was a republican, as a christian his preference was for the Methodist church, and as a citizen he was the soul of integrity and principle, and his judgment in affairs of the community was honored by his fellow citizens. He was married March 16, 1829, to Frances Jane Wooster, of Litchfield. They had four sons and three daughters, Louise, Jane, Virgil H., who was for many years a resident of Seymour and represented that town in the General Assembly; Dwight, a jeweller, who located in a Southern state; Wooster B., who served his country in the war of 1861-1865; Emily, and Wilbur, a merchant in New Haven.



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